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SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY.

Mortgagee's Claim
Against Bankers.

IS A CHEQUE AN INSTRUCTION?

The Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), this morning reserved judgment in the Supreme Court, in the case in which Mrs. Chu Shuk is suing the Banque Franco-Chinoise for \$42,000 damages.

The plaintiff's allegation is that the defendants wrongfully sold, at a gross undervaluation, the property known as 6, Ko Shing Street, which she mortgaged to them to provide Messrs. Pittendrigh and Co. with an overdraft on their banking account.

Written Consent Necessary? Interesting legal arguments were heard this morning, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for plaintiff, dealing with the question of written consent or authority, said that even if it were assumed that plaintiff had expressly agreed in the deed of mortgage to guarantee Mr. Pittendrigh's overdraft there must have been written consent. His submission was that there was no written consent or authority.

The important point in the case, Counsel said, was whether the signature of Dr. Tam, as agent for plaintiff, made certain cheques (mentioned in the course of the case) requests in writing, and whether these were sufficient to satisfy the terms of the mortgage deed and bind the property of plaintiff, a third party. He claimed that it was quite plain that that was not so. In this case the Bank could only charge the plaintiff if written consent or authority to the granting of certain banking facilities was forthcoming.

Cheques a Communication. It was pointed out by His Lordship that according to the defence the cheques constituted a communication between Dr. Tam and the Bank. Dr. Tam being authorised by the plaintiff to give consent or authority in writing for cheques to be drawn on the overdraft account. In other words, it was a direction to the Bank by Dr. Tam in writing to increase Mr. Pittendrigh's overdraft.

Mr. Potter would not agree, claiming that the cheques did not show that. The consent, he said, had to be a document which satisfied the requirements of written consent or authority. He said that all a cheque did was to say pay to someone, and on the face of it it did not even import any banking facilities. One could adduce from a cheque that there were banking facilities.

Question of Damages. Speaking on the question of damages, Mr. Potter said that it did not matter how the Bank sold the property—at an under value or not. They had no right to sell it and the damages were the true value of property, together with rents lost. It had nothing to do with wilful or reckless sale.

With regard to lack of notice to plaintiff of the sale, Mr. Potter commented that he did not think he ever came across a case in which there were so many difficulties in the way of the contentions put forward by the defence. One could not, he said, take away a mortgagor's right to redeem his property.

In conclusion, Mr. Potter said that there had not been a single case in which there had been a suggestion that the property of a third party, held as guaranteed for the debt of another, could be sold without application to the owner of the property.

Demand Binding. When hearing of the case resumed yesterday afternoon, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., for the defendants submitted that demands for money made in writing on Mr. Pittendrigh was binding on both him and the plaintiff. As regards the notice of sale, it was sufficient to give notice to either Mr. Pittendrigh or the mortgagor.

He continued that if the mortgagor did not pay within a reasonable time she had committed a breach of Covenant No. 1 in the mortgage deed. All that the mortgagor was entitled to was a demand for payment within a reasonable time limit, and she was entitled to notice of sale only in certain events.

Following an observation by his

PEER'S CHALLENGE TO MR. BALDWIN.

To Meet Him in Open
Debate.

TORY LEADER'S REFUSAL

London, Yesterday. Lord Rothermere has issued a statement declining the suggestion that he should appear at St. George's by-election and state his case against Mr. Baldwin's leadership, proposing instead to meet Mr. Baldwin in open debate in a public hall at any time after next week-end, half of the seating accommodation being of Mr. Baldwin's disposition and half of Lord Rothermere's disposition, with a neutral chairman, the subject of the debate being the policy, leadership, and record of the Conservative Party for the last eight years.



Lord Rothermere.

"To give Mr. Baldwin every advantage I agree to speak first and concede him the right to reply. My sole purpose is to do all I can to rebuild the Conservative Party, so that being sound on India, economy and tariffs it may be an effective remedy against Socialism and Bolshevism."

"Too Impudent." Mr. Baldwin has not accepted Lord Rothermere's challenge. He stated:—

"Lord Rothermere addressed a challenge not to me but to his own newspapers. That fact alone must throw doubt on its sincerity. It is obvious that the challenge would never have been issued if there had been the remotest prospect of acceptance. The idea that any member of the Conservative Party, to say nothing of the present leader, should publicly debate on the question of party leadership with a Peer who, so far as he is anything, is a professional Liberal, is too impudent to deserve a moment's consideration."

"The question is not to be settled by any individual outside the Party, however rich or influential, but by the whole body of Conservative members."—Reuter.

Funked the Issue. Later.

"Mr. Baldwin has funked the issue," asserts Lord Rothermere, adding: "Mr. Baldwin did not call me a Liberal in 1924 when, thanks to the Zinovieff letter, the Daily Mail, under my directions, secured his return with a record majority for any Premier since 1832."—Reuter.

ADVANCE IN SILVER

DEVELOPMENT IN NEW YORK
STOCK MARKET.

BULLION RISES TO 31%.

New York, Yesterday. An important development in the market to-day was the strength of silver bullion which advanced one and one-eighth cents to 81 1/8 cents per ounce.—Reuter's American Service.

Lordship, counsel agreed that if his clients had called for a valuation before the sale of the property it could be shown that they were careful.

DUTCH TRYING TO BLUFF BRITISH.

Must Be Fought on the
Rubber Question.

MEETING IN LONDON.

London, Yesterday. A meeting of 400 people interested in the rubber industry in the Cannon Street Hotel to-day, passed a resolution, approving of the compulsory regulation of rubber supplies.

Mr. E. D. Money, the convenor of the meeting, submitted a scheme whereby all growers should be allowed to produce as much rubber as they liked and the Government to export as much as it could, and to destroy the rest. This the price of rubber could be controlled.

They would be content to receive eight pence a pound for rubber during the present depression. This would allow first class companies to pay a modest dividend. He suggested that the Dutch were trying to bluff the British and must be fought unless they entered into an agreement as regards price and output.

Mr. H. Gibson said that the only way to restore prosperity in industry was by adjusting the output, which could be achieved only by co-operation with the Dutch.—Reuter.

INDIAN POLICY OF CONSERVATIVES.

Pleasure at Baldwin's
Statement.

RESOLUTION BY PRINCES.

London, Yesterday. The Conservative India Committee in the House of Commons at a private meeting to-day passed a resolution by a very large majority expressing satisfaction and agreement with Mr. Baldwin's statement on Indian policy, made at Newton Abbot (and confirmed last week in the House of Commons).

There was a lively discussion in regard to the procedure followed last week, which occasioned all the speculation and misunderstanding in regard to the circumstances in which Mr. Baldwin decided that Conservatives could not participate in the Round Table Conference in India at present.

Princes' Federation.

New Delhi, Yesterday. An informal meeting of the Princes attending the annual meeting of the Chamber of the Princes decided to move a resolution in open session of the Chamber approving of the principles of federation with safeguards for internal autonomy and the financial and economic rights of the States, and empowering the Princes' delegates to continue their negotiations with British Indian delegates to the Round Table Conference.

Some more Conservative Princes, however, expressed the opinion that federation would endanger their very existence.

Released Prisoners.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Wedgwood Benn informed Mr. Graham Pole that the Indian civil disobedience prisoners released to March 13 totalled over 14,000.—Reuter.

FEDERAL TREASURER BELLOCSE.

"No Body Has Authority
to Expel Me."

MR. THEODORE STANDS FIRM

Sydney, Yesterday. "No New South Wales body has the authority to expel me from the Labor Party," declared the Federal Treasurer, Mr. Theodore, to-day in reference to the resolution of expulsion. "Mr. Lang's henchmen will finish like the chief priests of the French Revolution—by terrorizing each other that all eventually will go to the guillotine."—Reuter.

RED PLOT IN SWATOW.

Mutiny Among the
Troops Averted.

WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS.

Canton, To-day. Following the discovery of a Communist plot to stir up a mutiny among the Government troops in Swatow, 73 officers and men were executed on Saturday. A hundred others are awaiting sentence.

Those executed apparently agreed to revolt and were persuading their comrades to mutiny when the plot was discovered and nipped in the bud.—Reuter.

FINAL DRAFTING OF NAVAL TREATY.

Senator D. Morrow
to Attend.

TO CONSIDER THE FORM.

Rugby, Yesterday. For the purpose of considering the form and final drafting of the



Mr. D. W. Morrow.

British, French and Italian Naval Agreement, a meeting of diplomatic and technical experts is being arranged to take place in London on Thursday. The basis of discussion is contained in the re-



Mr. T. Matsudaira

cent provisional agreement published last week as a White Paper. In addition to the British, French, and Italian representatives, Senator Dwight Morrow, who was one of the American delegates at last year's London Naval Conference and who is now crossing the Atlantic on a holiday, will attend, together with Ambassador Davies, on behalf of the United States, while Japan's representative will be Mr. Matsudaira, her Ambassador in London. British Wireless Service.

STOP PRESS

Pish, Yesterday. The death has occurred of Cardinal Mailli. During a severe attack of influenza last month he rose and donned his robes, when he received extreme unction, kneeling at an improvised altar in the sick room in order to show his followers by personal example the necessity of taking the sacrament in time. Cardinal Mailli thereafter improved, but relapsed yesterday.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS ON EXTRALITY.

Reported To Be Going on
Rapidly.

DEFAULT IN LOANS.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, told Sir Kingsley Wood that the extraterritorial negotiations with China were proceeding as rapidly as their complicated nature permitted. He was unable at present to make a statement.

In the House of Commons to-day Capt. Robert Henderson (Cons.), suggested that the Foreign Secretary should inquire into the Chinese Government's reason for issuing fresh internal loans secured upon increased Customs revenues, while they continue to default upon the railway loans and other obligations to British investors in Chinese loans.

Mr. Henderson replied that His Majesty's Minister had already been in communication with the Chinese Government in the matter, but the enquiries suggested would anticipate the negotiations with the Chinese authorities at the debt consolidation conference which opened in Nanking last November and which had not yet concluded its deliberations.—Reuter.

EXPLOSION ON SHIP OFF CANADA.

Noted Film Producer
on Board.

TWENTY KILLED.

New York, Yesterday. Twenty persons are reported to have been killed in the explosion on the sealer Viking off Horse Island, on the northern coast of Newfoundland.

The vessel carried a crew of 138, while two stowaways were aboard and the film director, Varick Frissell, was a passenger. She was commanded by Captain Abram Kean, the noted explorer and a member of the Royal Geographical Society.

The explosion occurred at nine on Sunday evening, when men from the vessel were walking ashore on the ice floes.

A steamer with doctors and nurses has been despatched to assist the Viking.

Stranded on Ice.

St. John's, Later. Besides 138 of the crew, two stowaways and several cinema photographers were aboard, with whom Mr. Frissell was making a film showing the adventurous life aboard a sealer.

A wireless message from Horse Island reports that the burning ship was visible from the shore with the survivors huddled on the ice. Some survivors have already arrived at Horse Island and report that their comrades are marooned on the ice. An offshore wind is making it very difficult to reach land. The Viking was built in 1881 and is one of the oldest sealers in service.—Reuter.

ENDURANCE TEST IN AIR.

Broken by Japanese
Dirigible.

WORLD'S RECORD CLAIMED.

Tokyo, To-day.

Favoured by ideal weather a Japanese semi-rigid dirigible has broken the previous endurance test, remaining aloft for 60 hours without refuelling. This is claimed to be a world record for this type of aircraft.

Ascending at 2.32 on Saturday the dirigible descended at 11.30 this morning.—Reuter. [A Tokyo cablegram of February 13 stated:—A Japanese naval airship, carrying out an endurance test broke the previous Japanese record by remaining aloft 80 hours and 45 minutes, after which it was ordered to descend owing to a heavy snowstorm.]

BERLIN MURDERERS DENOUNCED.

Nazis Horror-Stricken
at the Crime.

ACTED IN MADNESS.

Hamburg, Yesterday. The three murderers of the Communist Municipal Councillor were denounced to the Police by the local Nazi Headquarters, who expressed abhorrence of the crime. Herr Hitler, issued a statement in Munich to-day, denouncing the crime and expelling the murderers from the Party, but promising to provide for their legal defence at the trial, as he is convinced that they acted in a moment of madness, being infuriated by Communist propaganda against the Nazis.

Hamburg residents are very nervous owing to fear of reprisals by Communists, who have announced a number of protest meetings. The Police are taking precautions against lawlessness.



Herr A. Hitler.

It is reported that two Nazis fired on Herr Altona as he emerged from a cafe. Socialists passed a motion in the Reichstag demanding more effective measures against incitement to political murders and severer laws in regard to the carrying of lethal weapons.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

Berlin, Yesterday.

Two out of the three assassins of the Hamburg municipal Communist in a suburban bus have been arrested. The identity of the third is established. One of the arrested men is a former Hamburg policeman, who was expelled from the force six months ago for participation in a Nazi movement. The second is a clerk also a Nazi.

It appears that fifteen shots were fired in the omnibus, a woman passenger being wounded in the leg and another woman having a thumb shot off. A companion of the victim was wounded in the head, but escaped by feigning death.

The murderers cut the telephone wire to Hamburg.

Reprisals are feared, as the indignation in Hamburg is tremendous.

The third Nazi wanted for the Hamburg murder has been arrested.—Reuter.

DRIZZLE AND MIST.

The Royal Observatory's

weather report to-day states:

An anti-cyclone is central over N.E. China and a depression to the East of the Loochoos.

Fresh monsoon along the S.E. Coast of China and moderate monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—Easterly winds, moderate; overcast; drizzle and mist.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil.

Rainfall since January 1—2.72 inches against an average of 4.46 inches—deficit 1.74 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 68

Macao 69

Pratas Island 74

Manila 77

Foochow 58

Swatow 62

Chefoo 62

Shanghai 49

LOSS TO ARMY.

London, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of Major-General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan.—Reuter.

PARKING AT THE RACE COURSE.

Summons Against
Jockey Club Official.

CONTROVERSIAL POINT.

Mr. H. R. Forsyth, C.A., of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, and assistant to the Secretary of the Jockey Club, was this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court with having disobeyed directions given him by a Police officer in uniform, in Wongneiching Road, Happy Valley, at 10.20 a.m. on March 2—the second day of the annual Race Meeting.

Prosecuting, Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicoll said that he told Mr. Forsyth to park his car against a wall but he refused to do so, saying that the ground on which his car was parked was Jockey Club property. This was below the new restaurant in the extension of the building. Two cars—one driven by a lady and the other by a licensed Chinese driver—came later, and when they saw Mr. Forsyth's car parked under the verandah they wanted to park there as well.

"It took me some time before I could convince them that they could not park there," said Inspector Nicoll, who explained that the spot was on the far end from the Monument, and on the right side coming from the Young Wo Nursing Home.

Mr. Forsyth admitted having had a conversation with the officer in charge. He pointed to his car and indicated that it was parked below the public tiffin room of the Jockey Club, with the connivance and permission of the stewards. His car stood there all day, and he had given an undertaking to the Inspector-General of Police that it was more to save other cars from going in there. Then he was asked to have his car moved.

Mr. Forsyth pointed out that the Inspector-General had assured him of a place in the recognised parking ground, and as he (defendant) was an assistant to the Secretary of the Jockey Club, he had to have his car in a place where it was accessible. So the next day he parked his car near the nullah to satisfy the Inspector-General.

Inspector Nicoll said that on Saturday morning Mr. Forsyth's car was in the proper parking place, and it was on the Monday that he spoke to him. His car was locked, so that even if the Police wanted to move it they could not do so. The car was left there from 10.30 a.m. to 7.15 p.m.

Mr. Forsyth indicated that where his car was parked was not the road way, but under several natural archways. It was hard to explain the place, unless one saw it actually.

Interposing, Traffic Inspector C. F. Alexander pointed out that that came under "road way" in the regulations, whether private or public.

Mr. Forsyth agreed, but queried whether the regulation over-ruled private property or not?

His Worship said that it depended entirely on the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Forsyth emphasised the fact that he had permission from the general steward to park his car below the tiffin room.

Replying to his Worship, Inspector Nicoll said that defendant's car caused no obstruction to general traffic, but it was raining on the day in question, and other people wanted to go into that particular spot.

The Magistrate stated that he would go down and see the place for himself at noon on Saturday. The hearing was adjourned accordingly.

TIED OF LIFE?

Two cases of alleged attempted suicide were reported to the Police yesterday.

Lu Chen-kwong (31), stated to be unemployed, with no fixed place of abode, was found underneath the Shamshulpo Ferry Wharf, and removed to the Government Civil Hospital. He is stated to have returned from Singapore a few days ago, and had no money and no friends.

A woman, Yeung-Wong-see (24), living at 2, Po Wah Street, first floor, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of Lysol poisoning alleged to have been self-administered. Her condition is serious.

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The recent setback in the price of oil has not, however, with its corollary of constricted purchasing power for the over-using populations of the East, produced an easier market for the leading Eastern bank shareholders. "Searchlight" in the London Evening Standard. The issues of the two large banks with the biggest interests in China—namely the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China—have been

at £17½. To my mind both the ordinary shares offer a reasonable opportunity of securing appreciation of capital over the next twelve months. These banks are possessors of large reserves and have demonstrated their capacity to make satisfactory profits even in difficult times.

For each of the years 1921 to 1923 the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank distributed a dividend of £8 in a bonus of £2, making £10 in all, but last year, owing to reduced profits following on events in China, the bonus was cut to £1. For the current year the interim payments have been maintained at £3, and the

made up to £7 for the whole year. If this expectation is fulfilled, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares, at £66, will be yielding something close to 6 per cent. That is a high return on the money for an investment of this kind.

An attractive yield is also obtainable on the issue of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China. This is the form of £5 fully paid shares, now quoted around 173½. The profits of this bank

Another share in the same group, which should be worth attention is the Rs 25 issue (\$12 10s, paid) of the Central Bank of India. The authorised and issued capital of this institution is Rs 4,00,000, against which there is a reserve fund of Rs 3,00,000. For the past two years the dividend has been at the rate of 20 per cent. tax free. For

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 n the £, this is equivalent to
 gross return of over 7½ per cent.

BANK SALARY.

SHAREHOLDER AND PROSPECT OF MARRIAGE.

At the Midland Bank meetin
 (the shareholders) said that

not only would the salaries proposed under the bank's new scale be lower than those paid by any other bank in the country, but it would be impossible for a man in the age of 27 to undertake the responsibilities of marriage on a reduced income.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, the chairman, pointed out that the new scale of salaries was identical with that of salaries for the first four years of service.

The old scale was settled at a time when the wholesale price level of commodities was 30 per cent. higher than it is today.

"If, during the next four years," he added, "prices come up again, say, to the 1925 basis, I have no doubt another new scale will come into operation."

that the growing importance of London as a fashion centre demanded something like the famous bal costume of the Parisian dressmakers. Therefore the British Industries Fair sponsored the Covent Garden Ball, at which it was expected members of the British

anneguins from the Cotton Exhibition were among those displayed at this ball dresses while the committee would choose from among the thousand most exquisite garments created in London for the coming season.

Opening Demonstration.
A striking demonstration of London marked the opening of the Exhibition. Parties of girls employed as weavers in Lancashire mills and in cotton towns in other parts of Britain went to London and marched in a picturesque procession from Hyde Park, through the fashionable quarter, to the Exhibition, wearing cotton gowns and preceded by band and townsmen.

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Heavy Hand.

Entertaining revelations about the life on Lundy Island—that little sea-girt retreat in the Bristol Channel, which is owned by Mr. Martin Coles Harman; the City financier—were provided in the King's Bench Division.

Mr. Harman claimed the right to issue his own coin as tokens of money on the island.

He appealed to the King's Bench against a decision of the Oxford magistrates last April when he was fined £5 and costs for unlawfully issuing as a token of money a piece of metal to the value of a half-penny, contrary to the Coinage Act of 1870.

Mr. Harman, who appeared in person, said the puffs were called puffs and half-puffs.

The "Adjacent Island."

Objection had been taken to the issue of the coins by the authorities on the mainland—which the Lord on Lundy called "the adjacent island."

The puffin, he explained, was a very common bird on Lundy

Lundy, although a small island of 1,000 acres, was of importance and the services it had rendered the shipping fraternity had been valuable. Whenever there had been a murder of the entire population of the island the mainland Government had disclaimed responsibility.

The Lord Chief Justice: Do the murder of the entire population often happen?

Mr. Harman: Yes, pirates often used to.

Mr. Justice Avory: Perhaps the entire population of rabbits was murdered. (Laughter.)

Mr. Harman went on to state that Lundy paid no rates, duties or tithes to the mainland—although so, because Lundy received nothing from the mainland.

and no allowance for sewerage lighting.

Mr. Harman maintained that Lundy Island was a "vest-pocket size self-governing dominion."

He added that he had his own postage stamps, and, amid laughter, remarked, "I dismissed it as 'G.P.O.'"

"I contend," he went on, "that the court below and also this court is not able to deal with my right to issue coins on Lundy Island. The mere fact that Lundy is small and near England does not alter its status."

He had offered to refer the matter to King George and loyally accepted his decision on the matter but that offer had been refused.

Mr. Justice Avory: Who is the sovereign of Lundy Island?
 "I am," replied Mr. Harman.
 "The island is under King George,"

The Heavy Hand.

words you say that was an exercise of jurisdiction but not an act of war. (Laughter.)

Mr. Justice Avory: Does it ever happen that anyone assaults anybody on Lundy Islands?—It does happen.

What is the result?—It is put down with a heavy hand.

"Whose heavy hand?" asked Mr.

"The heavy hand of the agent," was the reply. "He is a man of 6 ft. 4 in. and he weighs 18 stone."

"When trawler crews come ashore and drink more than they should the heavy hand is very much in request."

Sir William Jowett, the

for the Crown, said Lundy seemed to be a Utopia, but he thought it would be just as happy if there had pennies with King George's head on them instead of puffs with Mr. Harman's head on.

There were several statues which clearly recognised Lundy as part of the county of Devon.

"This seems to be one spot which

The Lord Chief Justice, giving judgment, said this was a very entertaining case, and it had been ably argued by Mr. Harman.

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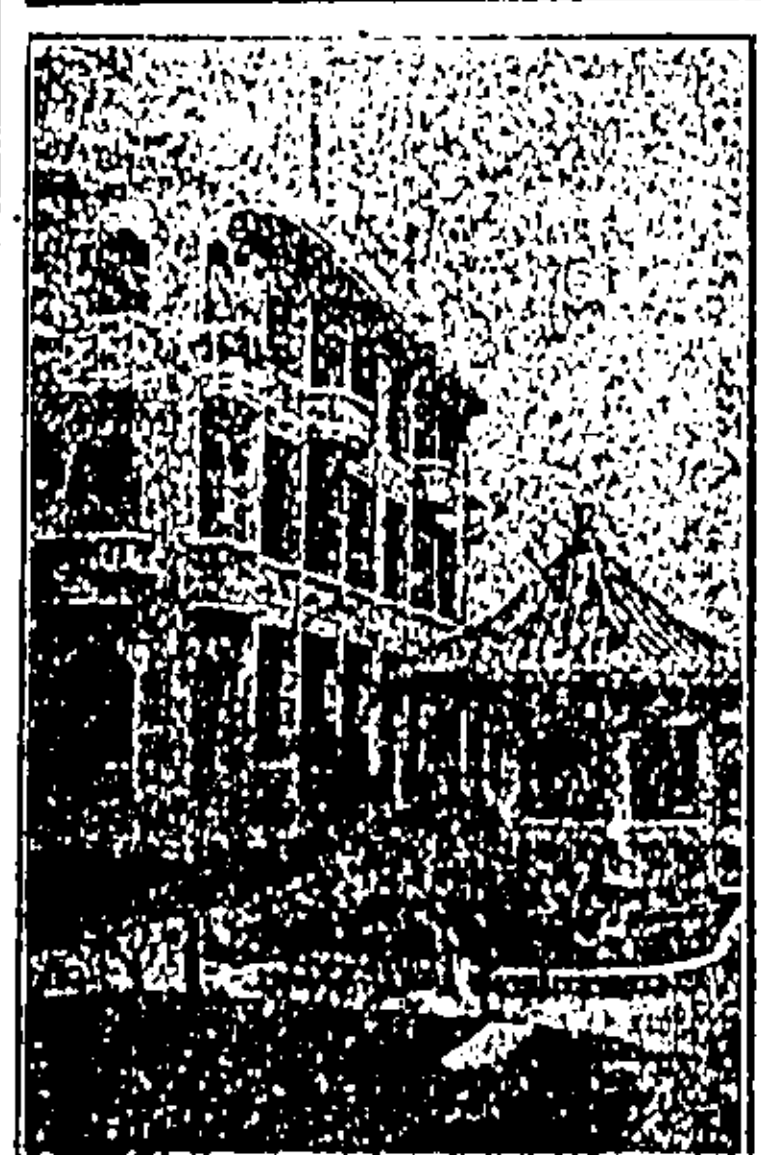
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HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

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Mainland.	Feet.
Taimoshan	5124
Kowloon Peak	1971

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. GRAPNELL, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

PROFESSORS AND BANANAS.

Gaucherie of Their Ridiculed Youth.

BEHAVIOUR IN FRUIT.

Bananas are undergoing a remarkable transition from the gaucherie of their ridiculed youth—they were still a curiosity at the beginning of the century—to the solemn dignity of age. A few years ago they were mocked in frivolous songs by music-hall comedians; now their "behaviour" is analysed by professors in official reports. The Empire Marketing Board issues to-day a monograph on "The behaviour and diseases of the banana in storage and transport," by two scientists from Trinidad, which finally dispels any lingering illusion that the banana is not to be taken seriously.

We are, it appears from this report, very unenterprising in our attitude towards bananas, for we are familiar, practically speaking, with only one variety—the Gros Michel—whereas there are many other kinds of greater excellence still unknown to us. Who has heard of Lacatan, Congo, Bumulan, or Giant Fig? Yet their delicate flavour, fine texture, and fragile skins proclaim them aristocrats among bananas, while the familiar Gros Michel is a comparatively coarse plebeian. The experiments described by Dr. Wardlaw and Dr. McGuire, respectively pathologist and physiologist at the Imperial College, Trinidad, aim at introducing us to some at least of these new varieties. The professors' object is to see whether, under what conditions, the new bananas can be exported from the West Indies to Great Britain.

Panama Disease.

This has become a vital commercial problem for Empire producers since Panama Disease, which first appeared in Central America in 1903, spread to the British West Indies. The disease does not touch the fruit itself, but attacks and kills the tree, and so reduces supply. In places it has forced the abandonment of plantations and threatened the very survival of the industry. Scientists were called in and launched a three-fold attack on the problem. In the first place they put under observation the fungus which causes the disease.

The second method of attack was an attempt to breed a new banana resistant to the fungus. Gros Michel is particularly suited to commerce but correspondingly susceptible to disease. Other varieties, less adapted for trade, are immune. In particular it was thought that in the original home of the banana in the Far East—Siam, Malaya, Burma, Sumatra, and thereabouts—might be found immune varieties suitable for crossing with Gros Michel.

For a year a scientific expedition searched the East and brought back suckers of all sorts of strange and freak bananas. These were propagated in a quarantine station erected at Kew by the Empire Marketing Board to avoid the risk of introducing other, and equally bad, diseases into the West Indies. The varieties collected were strongly disease-resistant, but had one great commercial fault—they produced large, hard, and black seeds.

Better Transport and Storage. The third effort to defeat Panama Disease is a sort of flank attack, and is the subject of the Empire Marketing Board's Greybook. The essence of it is to

improve transport and storage conditions that the more delicate varieties of West Indian banana, which are also immune to Panama Disease, can be exported. In this direction the scientists seem to have met with most success. A cold store has been erected by the Empire Marketing Board in Trinidad, where bananas are kept in bulk for the same period, and under the same conditions, as on a voyage from Port of Spain to London. Two varieties—Cavendish and Lacatan—have given very promising results, and the Cavendish variety in particular "seems," in the words of the professors, "a suitable substitute for the Gros Michel."

Cavendish bananas, which are also known as "ladies' fingers," are described as being of a pale colour, with a "tendency to freckling with advancing maturity," and of delicate texture and flavour. They are, however, very susceptible to injury. Lacatans, also, suffer the penalties of being thin-skinned; their flavour is exceptionally sweet and texture tender.

Claret-Red Skins.

Most of the other varieties tried have been ruled out as commercially impossible, including, unfortunately, a beautiful claret-coloured banana which proved less attractive on closer acquaintance than its striking appearance led the professors to hope.

One of the biggest problems with these new varieties is their susceptibility to injury and the consequent spread of rots, of which there are legion. One, in particular, called "Main Stalk Rot," creeps along the stem and causes the bananas to drop from the bunch. The scientists, however, have found a preventive and have taken out a patent for their discovery. It consists of the simple device of cutting off the end of the stem with a sharp and sterilised knife and smearing vaseline over the wound. This seals up the area where fungi normally obtain access to the bunch.

The loss to the British West Indies banana trade—which is worth about £2,000,000 a year—from rots is heavy, and this method will, it is believed, effect a large saving.

THE "MR. X" CASE.

"ONCE PEOPLE BEGIN THEY CAN PAY, AND PAY."

The Recorder, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., summed up at the Old Bailey in the case in which Llewellyn Winthrop Kendrick, a Gravesend schoolmaster; and William Corbett Smith, a Gravesend hairdresser, pleaded not guilty to charges of blackmail.

It was alleged that they tried to obtain money from a young man of high social position in London on a threat to circulate copies of photographs to members of a club to which he belonged.

The prosecutor has been referred to throughout the trial as "Mr. X." "These cases are described as moral murder," was a comment of Mr. Percival Clarke, K.C. (prosecuting) when he addressed the jury.

"A Grave Case."

The Recorder said that the jury had been listening for three days to that most serious case. It was most grave for the prisoners, each of whom had hitherto been a man of good character.

The case was also most grave for the public, who were very interested in crimes of blackmail being proved if, in fact, that crime was committed.

The Recorder said that the fact that the court allowed the names of

the victims of blackmail to be suppressed was probably a reason why there were now more prosecutions for that crime than there used to be.

Commenting on the defence, the Recorder said that it was a cut-throat sort of defence, and the jury must do the best they could to find the truth.

A Bathing Party.

In the early summer of 1928, the Recorder said, Mr. X, who was said to be a man of considerable position in London, was with a bathing party, apparently at Maldenhead, and seemed to have allowed himself to be photographed. The two photographs had been submitted to the jury. It was not for him to characterise them. Mr. Percival Clarke for the prosecution, had described them as indiscreet.

Probably a more censorious opinion might be that the photographs were discredit and disgusting. It was difficult to realise how anyone could allow himself to pose in "that horrible way," but it was done.

A Potent Threat.

The photographs, continued the Recorder, were given to a member of the club, who kept them in his locker at the club, the name of which the jury knew and the membership of which they had been able to consider.

Their experience of men and women told them that a great many members of that club were people in politics, the arts, the Church, and society—people of unimpeachable reputation, whose good opinion any member of the club would desire to maintain.

Could there be a more potent threat than that in the letter received by Mr. X on December 3, which said: "I am considering sending prints (of the negatives) to each of the 1,300 members of your club for Christmas?"

Commenting upon the trap set for the accused men, the Recorder remarked: "If there were no traps blackmailers would never be caught."

Another remark of the Recorder was: "Once people begin to pay blackmailers they can pay and pay."

POLISH NEWSPAPERS SUPPRESS

Sequel to Publication of London Report.

Warsaw, Feb. 12.

The Polish Upper Silesian authorities have suppressed three German and two Polish newspapers for publishing a report from London intimating that after his return from holiday at Marshal Pilsudski will inaugurate a new Polish-German policy on the basis of granting Germany a revision of her Eastern frontier in return for an undertaking of benevolent neutrality in the event of attack upon Poland by Russia, whose five years plan, the report declared, included a substantial strengthening of armaments, which is causing growing uneasiness of Marshal Pilsudski and his friends.

One of the banned German papers has been suppressed for the 210th time.

FOR RADIO FANS.

"Watt are you doing here?" "Eating currents," replied the apprentice. "Anode you'd catch me at it."

"Wire you insulate this morning?" asked the boss.

"Leyden bed."

"Can't your relay-shunts get you up?"

"Amperently not, sir."

"Fuse going to do that every day, you can go ohm," said the boss, and the circuit was broken.

MONEY WITHOUT WORKING.

Inquiry on Insurance for Unemployed.

SCOPE OF POOR LAW.

Sir Arthur Robinson, Secretary of the Ministry of Health, gave evidence recently before the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance.

Sir Arthur reviewed the scope of the Poor Law, stating that broadly speaking, a man got less than if he were working. In the case of a man with a large family of, say, twelve, however, he might get more in relief than he would get in wages.

Judge Holman Gregory, the chairman—Is any effort made by any public assistance authority in Britain to provide work for men in order that they should produce something useful for money paid to them?—No, not actually. They look at the problem in a different way. They say, "Here are a number of men who can work, and one of the things we ought to have regard to is keeping them fit to resume work when they can."

The chairman—it is a pity that men should be paid money without producing something for it. We have now to anticipate that there will be many workers in Britain who will not be in regular work, and who may have long spells of unemployment. Has it been considered whether any other kind of work could not be introduced which the local authorities might make use of? A good deal of work of that kind has been done in the old days between the guardians and the local authorities, and now between one committee and another of an authority.

Abuse of Relief.

The chairman said that from evidence the Commission had received there was what might be termed a residue from industrialism—men who had grown old, men perhaps between 45 and 60, or between 50 and 65, whom the employers did not wish to engage, and who could get only intermittent work.

Sir Arthur Robinson agreed that this was so.

Mr. Henry Clay—Is the stigma that used to be attached to Poor Law assistance gone?

Sir Arthur Robinson—It is almost impossible to answer you in a way that would be true of all areas. Because of the difficult industrial conditions of recent years there has been a modification in the reluctance of people to have recourse to public assistance. I think one can say that in some areas in the country what is called the Poor Law stigma has lost a great deal of its force. But it is also true that there are other areas in which that is not so, and where the stigma is as strong as ever.

Mr. W. Asbury—Do you know if the arrangement of giving relief, particularly in kind, to able-bodied men is subject to a good deal of abuse in the large centres in the north; that small tradesmen are compelled, owing to lack of resources, to pay their contractors with relief tickets contrary to the law; and that the public assistance authorities have to wink at it?—Yes, you have to balance one evil with another.

FAMILY DRAMA.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Feb. 9.
A painful sensation has been occasioned by a terrible family drama. A workman, Frederick Falmer, shot his wife, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and two small children dead, grievously wounded his brother-in-law, and then, just as the neighbours and police were about to break into the house, turned his weapon against himself and committed suicide. It is surmised that he acted in a gust of madness brought on by worry over his desperate financial situation.

STANDARD TIMES.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for March 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
17	6.32	6.33
18	6.31	6.33
19	6.30	6.34
20	6.29	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
22	6.26	6.35
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.25	6.36
25	6.24	6.36
26	6.23	6.36
27	6.22	6.37
28	6.21	6.37
29	6.20	6.37
30	6.19	6.38
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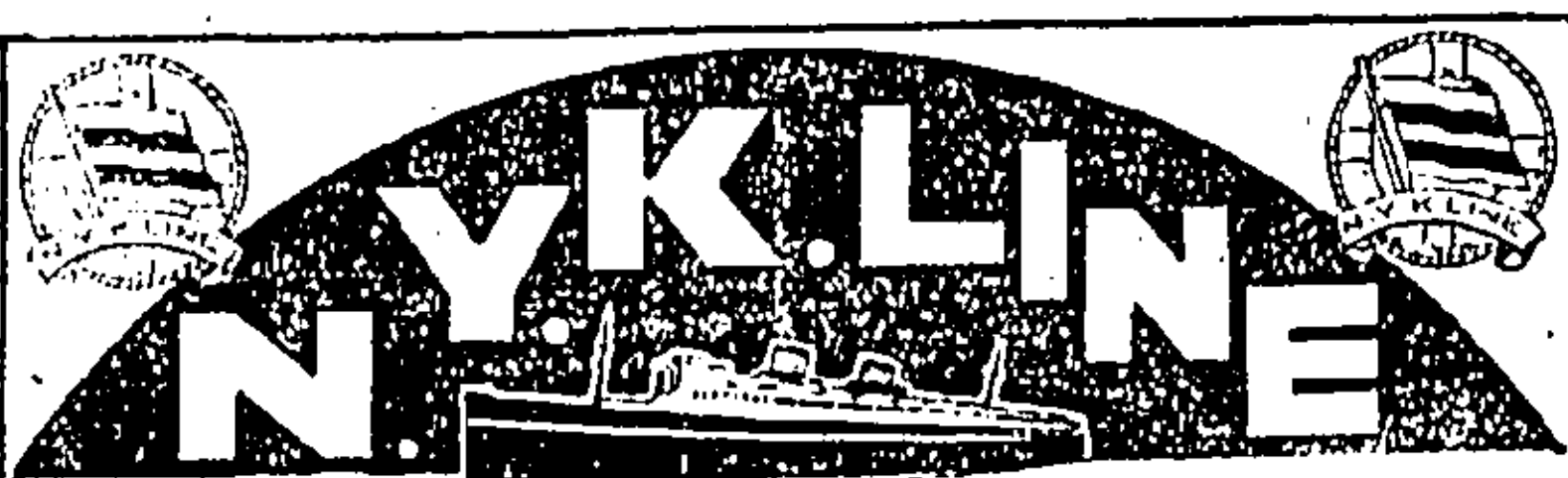
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SUWA MARU	Saturday, 4th April.
FUSHIMI MARU	Thursday, 26th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Thursday, 26th March.
ATSUTA MARU	Sunday, 22nd March.
SHINYO MARU	Friday, 27th March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Monday, 30th March.
GENOA MARU	Monday, 30th March.
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Monday, 30th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Wednesday, 22nd April.
BOKUYO MARU	Tuesday, 14th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Tuesday, 14th April.
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday, 31st March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Tuesday, 31st March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	Monday, 13th April.
LIMA MARU	Monday, 13th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Saturday, 28th March.
MORIOKA MARU	Wednesday, 18th April.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA	Wednesday, 18th April.
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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 19th Mar.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Canada Maru	Wed., 1st Apr.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru	Mon., 6th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Madras Maru	Fri., 20th Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru (from Shanghai)	Wed., 15th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama, Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwansai Maru	Mon., 6th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).		
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Tues., 10th Mar.
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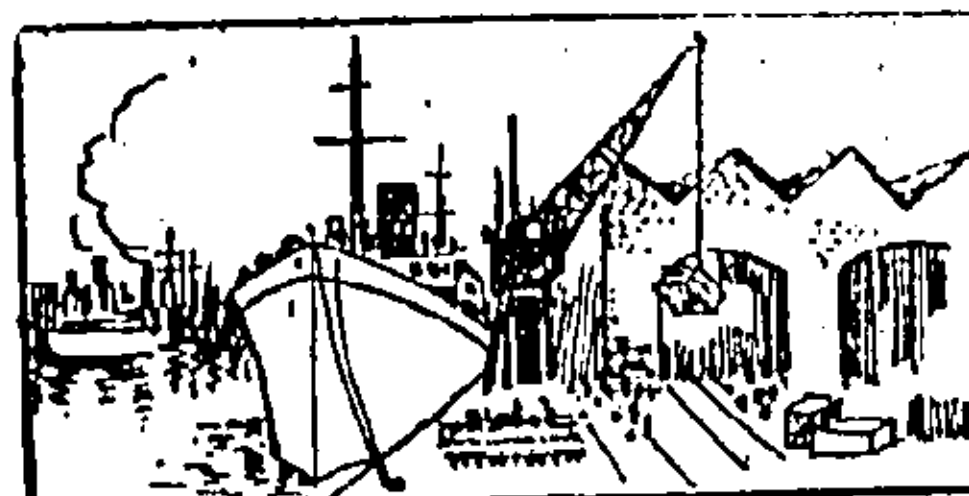
Sydney, Jan. 23.
The British motor ship *Enton*, bound from New Zealand to Noumea, has grounded on a reef about 30 miles from Noumea by air and 60 miles by sea. Fire has broken out in its cargo oil cargo in one hold.

First word of the vessel's predicament was a wireless appeal from the skipper to shipping in the vicinity to stand by and be prepared to render assistance.

Later came news that the vessel had been safely beached on the southern end of New Caledonia. The master has reported that the *Enton* is not in immediate danger and that the sea is smooth. Noumea has been asked to send lighters for the removal of the cargo.

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Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF RANGOON.

OPENING OF NEW WHARF.

The port of Rangoon now possesses a new wharf 500 feet long and 40 feet wide situated between Laffer Street and Sule Pagoda wharves, costing about 50 lakhs of rupees.

It was formally opened by H.E. the Governor in the presence of 800 people on February 10.

In the course of his speech, Mr. J. A. Cherry, chairman of the Port Commissioners, said:

The last decade has been one of marked prosperity for the Port of Rangoon, for in the years from 1920 to 1930 the total trade has increased from 4.8 to 6.5 millions of tons. In the same time sea-going shipping returns have risen from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 million net registered tons and even in the present year show further increases. To keep pace with the expanding trade denoted by these figures extensive Port development has been necessary, and while the Commissioners cannot complain that their increased facilities have not been adequately utilized, it is unfortunate that the present economic depression will mean a temporary halt in the steady upward trend of trade through the port. In the financial year just closing a drop in imports of more than 20 per cent, over the Port's record year has been experienced, and in the coming year the Commissioners are anticipating a further substantial fall. To meet the disturbances of revenue which such trade conditions connote, the most rigorous economy is being practised in port affairs, but when public and personal commitments through the world have been adjusted as they must be, to true economic bases, the Commissioners' port facilities must be ready for the demand that will surely arise when a new era of prosperity comes to Burma.

Port Charges.

Port Authorities must endeavour to steer a safe and satisfactory course between the dangers of unreasonably high Port charges on the one hand, and of inefficient traffic facilities on the other. In the Port of Rangoon, where the intrinsic values of the bulk of the traffic handled will not stand high imports in the way of Port charges, it is perhaps natural that traders should be inclined to emphasise the advantage of low Port charges over expensive Port equipment and high costs. In this connection the Commissioners would be doing themselves less than justice were they to allow the present occasion to pass without showing that, although they have carried out extensive Port improvements, they have made real and successful efforts to keep charges as low as possible. No increases in general Port charges have been made since 1921. On the contrary the river due, which is the backbone of the Port revenues, has been reduced from annas 8 to annas 5 per ton, the lowest point reached since the middle of the year 1912. When it can be stated that reduction of one anna in the amount of river due represents some Rs. 3 1/2 lakhs annually, it will be realised that the reductions effected, annas 3 in all, have been substantial. The Port due on shipping which stood at annas 6 in 1921 was reduced to annas 5 two years later, but in the middle of last year the Commissioners were reluctantly compelled to increase it by half an anna to provide specifically for the upkeep of the three coast lights—China Bakir, Eastern Grove and Spit—responsibility for which had been transferred to them by the Government of India. As soon as the modern equipment now on order for the service of these lights has been placed in commission, it is hoped it may be possible by economical working to bring the Port due down to its former level. In spite of reduced charges the Commissioners have been able in the past few years to build up reserve funds which will enable them to postpone any immediate increase in Port charges, and they hope that the present gloomy outlook will have been dissipated long before their reserves have been so depleted as to make this course necessary.

The New Wharf.

The New Wharf at which this ceremony is taking place and which has had the effect of joining the former Sule Pagoda and Laffer Street Wharves into one structure, to be known in future as the Sule Pagoda Wharves, is constructed in ferro-concrete and, excluding the acquisition of the site on which the Corporation Strand Market formerly stood, will have cost the Commissioners some Rs. 50 lakhs. Work on the project commenced in November 1928 and has just been completed.

Some idea of its character may be gauged from the fact that the concrete piles used in construction are 75 feet long. A big port keep abreast of the times. It must provide the facilities necessary for the efficient handling of traffic and the quick turn round of ships. New needs and new improvements are constantly being pressed upon the Port Commissioners, and moreover they have always to look ahead and to be prepared for developing trade. But as we see in the case of this wharf, new improvements frequently involve the spending of large sums of money and ultimately the cost comes back on the shipping that uses the Port. The chief problem then which confronts those responsible for the administration of an important Port is how to provide the facilities that the trade of the Port requires without at the same time making the Port unduly expensive for shipping. Mr. Cherry's speech shows I think that our Port Commissioners have been conspicuously successful in this matter. Now they propose temporarily to call a halt in capital expenditure. That again is a policy which will commend itself to all of us at the present time. We all hope that trade will soon recover. But it is difficult to see any rift in the clouds. The future is obscure, and it is obviously wise for the Port Commissioners to slow down capital expenditure until they see their way ahead more clearly than at present.

Railway Policy.

Altogether, I think Mr. Cherry's speech goes far to justify the policy which has been adopted in regard to every major Port in India. That policy is to entrust the management of the Port to representatives of those bodies whose own interest it is that the Port should be managed in the most efficient and economical way. When Burma is separated from India, the Rangoon Port will again come under the control of the Government of Burma, and I have no doubt that we shall continue the policy which experience shows to have worked so well. But we shall also take over control of another and even greater public utility service, namely the Burma Railways, and here again important questions of policy will come up for decision. This is not the occasion on which to discuss them and I will only say that I hope that we shall be able to apply to our Railways the lessons we can derive from our Ports. Probably the Government must retain control over broad questions of Railway policy, but I believe that if we are wise we shall not concern ourselves with the details of the arrangements necessary for carrying out the policy laid down nor with what I may call the commercial management of the Railway. That it may be possible to set up some kind of statutory functions of this kind. The subject is of course a difficult one and I understand that the Government of India propose to set up an expert committee to consider it in all its bearings. We shall await the report of the committee with lively interest, but I shall be surprised if their conclusions do not coincide in the main with what I have said. The experience of almost every democratic country where the Railways are owned by the State is that if the Government and the legislature attempt to interfere in the detailed administration of a Railway the result is always inefficiency and waste of public money.

LINER DISCOVERY.

SECRET TRAFFIC IN AMMUNITION.

A sidelight on an extensive secret traffic in ammunition between Britain and tribal chiefs in West Africa was revealed in Liverpool Police Court, when John Davis, aged thirty-two, a coloured fireman, was fined £3 on a charge of removing 25,000 percussion caps at the Tottel Dock without having a licence from the Board of Trade to do so.

Mr. J. R. Bishop, for the prosecution, said that when the liner *Appam* was about to sail for West Africa large quantities of percussion caps were found concealed in the propeller shaft tunnel.

There were eight packages, unlabelled, containing 200,000 rounds, and a bag bearing Davies' name with 25,000 rounds. Davies admitted that the 25,000 caps were his, and he was taking them to sell to natives in West Africa.

Mr. Bishop said that preventive officers came across great

H.M.S. RESOLUTION.

PROGRAMME DELAYED BY DEFECTS IN MACHINERY.

Plymouth, Mar. 3.

The battleship *Resolution*, which has just undergone an extensive refit in Devonport Dockyard, has had her programme delayed by certain defects in machinery which have been discovered in the course of her trials.

The *Resolution* was due to leave for the Mediterranean last Friday, but the sailing was cancelled while she was again overhauled. Inquiry at the Admiralty to-day elicited that the exact nature of the defects would not be disclosed. The repair work had been put in hand and it was hoped the ship would be able to leave in about a week's time.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, March 15.
Amur Maru, Japanese str., 4,823 tons, Capt. I. Kawasaki, from Hamburg via Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Chungkong, Chinese str., 447 tons, Capt. Kwok Shau, from Tourane, buoy No. B18.—Yun Lee & Co.

Chusan, British str., 1,338 tons, Captain R. Kettlewell, from Amoy, buoy No. C6.—B. & S.
Hangsang, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. Moodie, from Canton, Kowloon Dock.—J. M. & Co.

Kut Sang, British str., 3,643 tons, Capt. A. W. Balch, from Calcutta and Straits ports, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Lyons Maru, Japanese str., 4,340 tons, Captain R. Torii, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Nishin Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 1,660 tons, Captain H. Komaru, from Sakile, buoy No. B27.—Y.K.K.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Telrasias, British str., 4,799 tons, Capt. H. Wilkinson, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Tijbadak, Dutch str., 4,800 tons, Captain P. Lams, from Amoy, buoy No. A4.—C.J.L.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Amoy, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Utrecht, Dutch str., 709 tons, Capt. J. H. Kop, from Tamsin, A.P.C. Wharf.—A.P.C.

Monday, March 16.
Argonauta, British str., 3,161 tons, Capt. A. V. Vines, from Taranan, A.P.C. Wharf.—A.P.C.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. Klette, from Canton, buoy No. B28.—Dodwell & Co.

Dizan Maru, Japanese str., 978 tons, Captain Y. Mishima, from Keelung, buoy No. B8.—Wada Jimusho & Co.

Elg, Norwegian str., 2,350 tons, Captain G. Ramsland, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebson & Co.

Hai Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. O. S. Olsen, from Hoihow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Thoresen & Co.

Haukefjell, Norwegian str., 1,426 tons, Capt. S. Andersen, from Canton, buoy No. B29.—Dodwell & Co.

Hellos, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Capt. Thomas Olsen, from Swatow, Thoresen & Co.

Hiye Maru, Japanese str., 6,787 tons, Capt. S. Takahashi, from Seattle via Japan, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kaigan, British str., 1,556 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Canton, buoy No. B25.—N.Y.K.

Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,288 tons, Capt. T. Kawamura, from Hoihow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Pres. Madison, American str., 8,341 tons, Capt. R. J. Healy, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

Oldenburg, German str., 6,197 tons, Capt. O. Hensen, from Singapore, buoy No. A6.—Jebson & Co.

Yatsing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Yel Maru, Japanese str., 849 tons, Capt. K. Izumi, from Canton, Yumati Anchorage.—Hidaka & Co.

quantities of these caps on outgoing ships, but they were rarely successful in finding the owners. The caps were bought in Britain for 7s. a thousand, and were sold to native chiefs in West Africa for 20s. a thousand. The traffic in them was considerable.

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Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 21	Aug. 23
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Marathon—No. 12 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Osiris—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sepoy—South wall.
Seraph—No. 7 buoy.
Sterling—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—North arm.
Thracian—No. 7 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Altair—French gunboat.
Argus—French gunboat.
Waldeck Rousseau—French cruiser.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

WILL SAVE DAY AND HALF ON NEW YORK—FRISCO RUN.

New York, Feb. 27.
Members of the Inter-Oceanic Canal board returned to Washington yesterday after surveying the suggested canal route through Nicaragua. They declared that a decision had been reached that such a canal would be practicable both from the standpoint of economy and sanitation. A day and a half in time by the sea route from New York to San Francisco would be saved by the canal, which it is estimated, will cost \$700,000,000.

The Board recommended that a start be made in the near future. The Panama Canal cost \$74,000,000 and the Suez Canal between \$17,000,000 and \$18,000,000.

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RAJPUTANA	16,568	11th Apr.	Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'ham & A'werp.
*SOUHAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
IKALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'ham & A'werp.
COMORIN	15,132	22nd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	8,985	31st May	Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'ham & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHIGAR	9,005	3rd July	M'selles, Ldon, R'ham & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	12th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KHYBER	9,114	18th Aug.	M'selles, Ldon, R'ham & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALE	6,715	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	16,568	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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in 24 hours by different clippers are
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were exceptional and nothing ap-
proaching an average of 14 knots
was ever done over a whole voyage,
say from Britain to Australia. Had
such been possible not only the
cargo steamer but the liner herself
would have been hard put to it to
keep up with the sailing ship. Never-
theless the average of sailing
passages was quite fast enough to
keep the sailing ship to the fore,
provided the steamer had to cover
the same distance to get from port
to port.

There can be little doubt that,
but for the other factors loading
the dice against the sailing ship,
design would have progressed, so
that to-day we should have had
sailing ships proportionately as
superior to those of 1869 when the
Cutty Sark was built, as are our
steamers to those of that time.

I was not so much actual speed
that gave the steamer its advantage
as that conferred on it by the open-
ing of the Suez Canal. This en-
abled the steamer to save some
1,000 or 1,500 miles on the trip,
both out and home, to Australia
and China, and a good deal more to
India. The clippers were almost at
once beaten out of the China, tea
trade, and hard put to it in the
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ing through it, the route passed
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handicapped them was an aid to the
making of good passages by steam-
ers. But even the Canals would
hardly have forced the sailing ship
so much into the background if it
had not been for the concurrent
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city the steamer carries far less
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by the rising standard of living of
the past few decades, which has
been accompanied, if not caused, by
the development of more efficient
engines and the use of more econo-
mical fuels (as oil), not merely at
sea but generally.—Commander
Herbert Shove in the Nautical
Magazine.

MENACE TO SHIPPING.

Torpedoes Adrift Near Black
Sea.

Constantinople, Mar. 3.
Dereit torpedoes believed to
be of Russian origin are causing
uneasiness to shipping using the
narrow passages between the
Black Sea and the Sea of Mar-
mora. For some weeks the num-
ber of these torpedoes have been
increasing and, although the Tur-
kish authorities take prompt ac-
tion to remove those reported to
them, all vessels are warned of
the danger that others may still
be drifting.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or
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noon. The heights are referred to
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miralty chart of the place and
should be added to the depths given
on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

March 17 to 23, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
March	Standard Times	Standard Times
Mon. 17	11 55	11 55
Tue. 18	10 45	10 45
Wed. 19	10 05	10 05
Thurs. 20	9 25	9 25
Fri. 21	8 45	8 45
Sat. 22	8 05	8 05
Sun. 23	7 25	7 25

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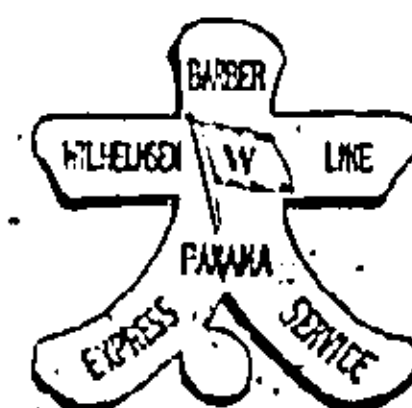
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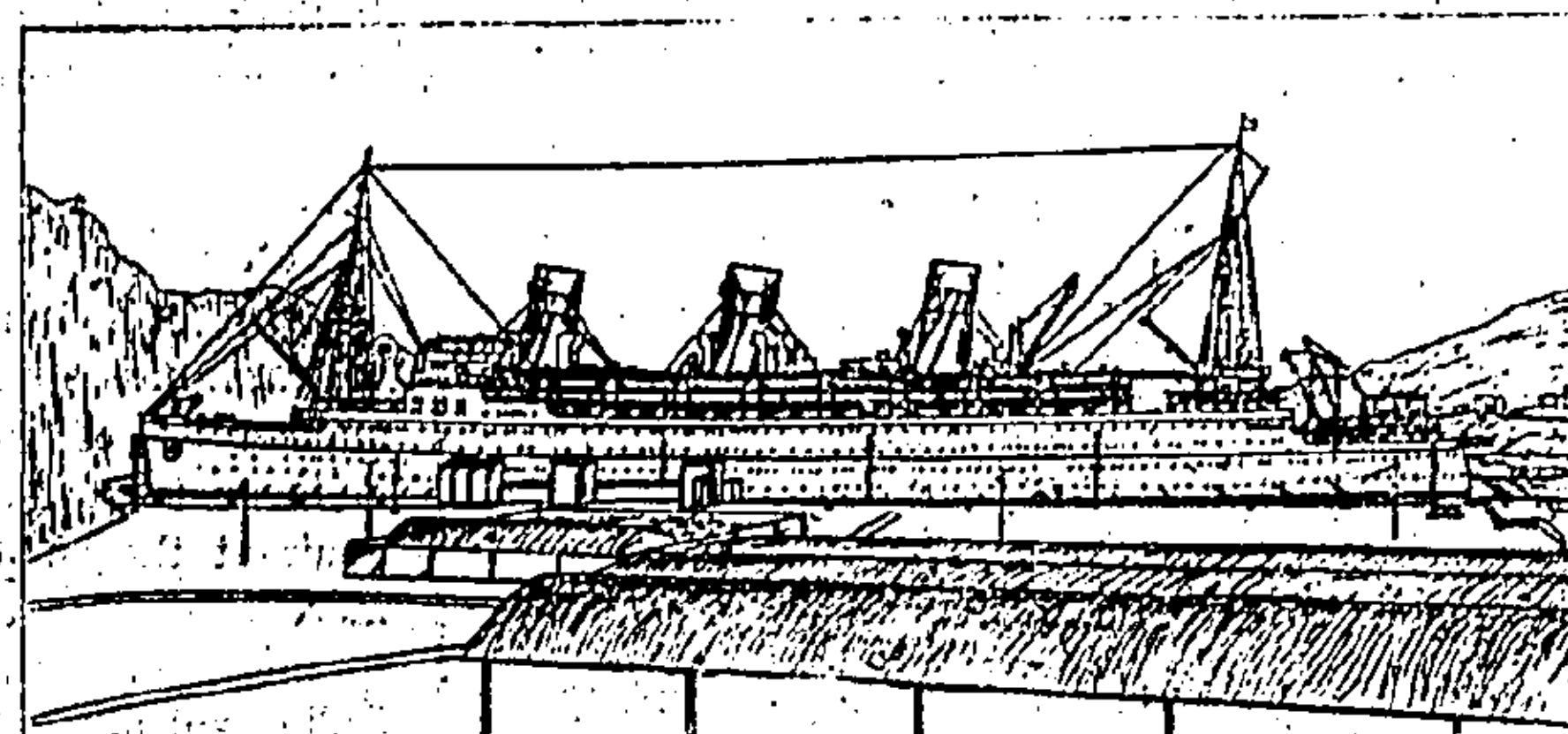
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Hong Kong, Tuesday, March 17, 1931.

CHEERO.

It may appear a trifle belated to refer to the good work done in the Cheero Club for the men of the Services, seeing that a week has elapsed since the annual meeting was reported in our news columns. Since the days of the presence in our midst of the Shanghai Defence Force we have become so accustomed to the activities of the Cheero Club as almost to take them for granted, without more than a passing thought of the large amount of time and labour expended therein by the Ladies' Committee, with the assistance of a few civilian gentlemen.

At the annual meeting the retiring President stated that the Cheero Club should become a permanent institution, whilst Mr. R. A. Brown referred to the appreciation of the work of the ladies by those who made use of the facilities in the Club. Testimonies of that appreciation are often heard, whilst the best evidence of that is shown in the increased number of men who are making use of the premises. It is to be trusted that the appeal made at the annual meeting for more books for the library and for more public support, financially, will meet with a ready response, whilst it should not be an insuperable task to meet the desire—nay, the need—for a permanent Secretary of the Club. Institutions like the Seamen's Institute, the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, and the Y.M.C.A. have permanent managers or secretaries, and there seems no reason why the Cheero Club should not be brought into line with

them. It is performing a distinct service for the men of the Navy, Army, and Air Force—a service with which it should be an honour for the whole British community to be identified either in the way of labour or money.

Comparisons may not always be odious, but we admit now that our remarks have been prompted by a letter published in the Straits Times in which a plea is made to devise some means whereby the European civilians could do a little to make the lives of the soldiers in the garrison a bit less monotonous. The writer says: "During the War nothing was too good for the soldier, when the Shanghai Force was passing through Singapore. A Committee was formed and subscriptions collected to entertain the troops. Now the usual peaceful attitude of leaving the soldier to look after himself again holds sway." It ought to prove of interest both to the Service men here and the civilian workers in the Cheero Club to quote the writer's views at some length:—

Cannot the Shanghai Force Committee be revived, enlarged and permanently established, as a means of bringing civilians (ex-Service or not) and Service men into closer contact? I wonder how many civilians in Singapore have ever spoken to a soldier? I know there have been many soldiers who have never met socially a European civilian during the whole of their tour of duty here, and I have an idea that some of the unfortunate happenings of the past would not have occurred but for this isolation into which soldiers are forced. Soldiers do not differ from other people, in that they do not like to be patronised and they do not like "charity"; but they do appreciate an opportunity of coming in contact with their fellow-countrymen, and they enjoy invitations to civilians' houses for this reason and because it enables them to get away from the monotonous atmosphere of barracks life.

Compare a soldier's pay with the average civilian, and one must realise that the soldier has very little to spare for entertainment, and in the case of a married man with a family it is a marvel how they manage to live. Singapore women who have time to spare, would find that occasional visits to married families would be appreciated. There are plenty of soldiers' wives in Singapore who do all their own housework, make their own and their children's clothes (and the children are a credit to them), cook everything over a wood fire, and do their own washing, even their husband's uniforms. Their pay does not run to "boys" and "dobbies". Here, again, I emphasise that friendship, and not "charity", is what is wanted, but I am sure that the women of Singapore could devise means of extending little kindnesses to these other European "moms" who are not so fortunately situated as they are. I'm sure that the padre would be pleased to put any woman who wishes in touch with the married families. "If nothing can be done through a committee or organisation, I appeal to every British civilian to extend any possible kindness to any Service man with whom he or she may come in contact."

Let us have done with the idea that a soldier is someone to be avoided, looked down on and isolated. He is a British subject, doing his job miles away from home like the rest of us, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, he is just as decent a chap as one could wish to meet. Having paid the Straits Times the compliment of "lifting" a letter on this subject in its cor-

respondence columns, perhaps we may not be deemed too forward in hinting that our contemporary might in turn "lift" our report of the annual meeting of the Cheero Club by way of a stimulus to the British civilian population in Singapore to take a leaf out of Hong Kong's book in regard to the entertainment of Service men.

Furthermore, the position in Singapore without a Cheero Club ought to make the community here more appreciative of the work being performed on behalf of the men of the Services in this Colony and instil in all of us a desire to be of greater help to it in the future than we may have been in the past. We have a good thing: let us see that we keep it in a state of efficiency and that it will not be threatened with decay and extinction like so many other really good institutions in this Colony.

News in Brief.

Two Chinese cases of diphtheria have been notified since the 13th inst.

St. Stephen's College annual sports will take place on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Stanley.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 63 degrees. The humidity was 90 at 10 a.m. and 88 at 4 p.m.

Yuen Chung-shi, of Quarry Bay, appeared before Mr. Schofield on remand in the Central Police Court yesterday on a summons accusing her of having an unregistered musical. She was fined \$50.

In the Kowloon Police Court today Yu Nam, a Chinese with three previous convictions, was sent to jail for two months for stealing a sack, a pair of trousers, and a jacket from a new house in Tung Choi Street.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Carlos Eugenio Xavier, clerk in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, of 21 Jordan Road, first floor, Kowloon, and Emilia Theodora Cruz, of 9, Nanjing, Road, second floor, Kowloon.

A newcomer to the Colony, Cheung Tak, when charged with the theft of a bottle of chocolates from a stall in Pakhoi Street, told the Magistrate in the Kowloon Police Court this morning that he had no food or money. He was sent to jail two weeks.

Three Chinese, Tse Kam, Chan Wai and Chan Kwan, who were charged in the Kowloon Police Court recently on twelve counts of larceny and receiving in Yau-mat on various dates between February 14 and 24, were this morning sentenced to one year's imprisonment each.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, an enjoyable concert was held in the St. Patrick's (Catholic) Club, Garden Road, last evening. The artists included Messrs. Greene, G. d'Aquino, Lind, and Li Chor-chi (vocalists), J. Braga (violinist), N. U. Botelho (celloist), and the Glee Party from H.M.S. Medway.

An Hungarian musician Mr. A. Barna has arrived here and may give an entertainment. His chief instrument is the cymbal—not the clashing "brass plates," but the national instrument of Hungary. It is the size of a piano and is played with hand strikers after the manner of a superdulciana. Mr. Barna is also an expert on the Xylophone and with glass.

At the monthly dance of the Cheero Club of the Y.M.C.A. held in the City Hall last night, members of the Ladies' Committee made a presentation to Mrs. D. J. Lewis, in recognition of her services to the Club. The gift took the form of a small clock of pretty design. Mr. R. A. Brown, Chairman of the Club, expressed appreciation of Mrs. Lewis's services, whilst Mrs. Bellamy regretted Mrs. Lewis's departure.

MONEY LEFT.

Letters of administration of the local estate, valued at \$21,800, of Ho Chiu-yu, trader, have been granted to his widow, Ho Chow Shi, temporarily residing at 45, Jervois Street, first floor.

The deceased was formerly of 12, Wai Fuk Sai Lo, Yau Yee Hong, Canton, and late of Ipoh, F.M.S. He died intestate in the District Hospital, Ipoh, on June 9, 1930, leaving a widow, two sons (aged 18 and 3 years, respectively), a daughter (aged 12 years), and two concubines.

BIG DROP IN UNITED STATES' EXPORTS.

Figures Lowest Since 1914.

IMPORTS LOWER.

Washington, Yesterday. The exports of the United States for February amount to \$226,000,000, the lowest since November, 1914, whilst imports were \$175,000,000, the lowest since September, 1921. Exports for February, 1930, were valued at \$348,852,000, and imports at \$281,707,000.—Reuter's American Service.

SIR C. ELIOT.

MEETING IN LOCAL UNIVERSITY TO-DAY.

It is advertised that a meeting will be held this afternoon at 5.09 in the Great Hall of the University, all members of which are invited to attend. Members of the University Staff are requested to attend in academic dress.

Members of the University as defined in Statute 2 to the University Ordinance include—
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The University was closed today as a mark of respect in memory of Sir Charles Eliot.

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NOTES ON REFRIGERATING PLANT.

The refrigerating plant in this vessel, built to the order of Alfred Holt & Co., by the Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co., consists of two separate installations, one comprising two twin CO₂ compressors cooling hold and 'twendeck spaces totalling 44,000 cubic feet, and another for provision rooms of about 1,100 cubic feet capacity. Owing to the trade on which the vessel is to be employed, the hold installation has been made suitable for the carriage of meat at 15° F., and alternatively for fruit transportation at 32° F. To effect this, two systems of cooling are employed, namely, brine circulation for meat-carrying, and cold air driven over brine-cooled batteries for fruit cargo. The ship's provision rooms are cooled in the normal manner by means of brine grids, a small separate electrically-driven CO₂ compressor being utilised for this purpose. The whole of the plant has been supplied and erected on board by J. & E. Hall, Ltd., Dartford, Kent.

NEW SHIPPING CENTRE.

Development Of Shoreham Harbour.

London, Feb. 3. We are to have a new important shipping centre on the South Coast which entails a rebuilding of the long arm of Shoreham Harbour which runs parallel to the sea from the harbour mouth to the western boundary of Hove. Over £100,000 is being spent on rebuilding the lock that was thrown across the harbour arm in 1930, which served its purposes so well that the mudbanks on either side have become one of the busiest industrial centres in Sussex. The new lock will be designed to hold back the waters which sweep through the harbour mouth at high tide, and the largest type of coastal steamers will then be admitted to the harbour, and steamers will then unload on the very boundaries of Hove. When the improvements are completed it is expected that Shoreham will become one of the most popular trading centres in the south, and the new harbour arm will provide accommodation equal to any of this part of the coast.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday the Attorney-General will move the first reading of—

"A Bill to amend the law relating to Deportation."

"A Bill to amend further the law relating to Larceny."

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will move the first reading of—
"A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Salesian Society."

LADY "DI" MAKES HER DEBUT.

Famous Society Beauty Addresses Servants.

HELPING HER HUSBAND.

London, Yesterday. Lady Diana Cooper, who is electioneering most actively on behalf of her husband in the St. George's by-election, has made her debut as a public speaker at a meeting in the Marchioness of Hartington's drawing room, at which Mayfair domestic who are voters were the honoured guests.

The Marchioness of Hartington's butler in a letter to the Press denies that pressure was exercised on the household staffs.

The supporters of Sir Ernest Petter are confident that Sir Malcolm Campbell's support will bring the chauffeurs to Sir Ernest Petter's side.

The Church is also taking a hand. The Reverend Hugh Chapman announced in the pulpit at the Savoy Chapel that it was a religious work to support Captain Duff Cooper, and called on every "Christian" clergyman to express his views on the "deplorable" way the election was conducted.

Lord Beaverbrook, speaking at a meeting in support of Sir Ernest Petter, said Gandhi would be waiting for the result of this by-election to know whether the Conservative party, through its leader, would continue to support the Socialist policy.

Captain Duff Cooper, speaking simultaneously, deplored that India had been drawn into party politics. He hoped the British policy in India would never be at issue between Britons.—Reuter.

CAR'S HEAD LIGHTS.

INCIDENT IN THE RAIN IN WANCHAI.

EUROPEAN'S TROUBLE.

In the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. W. Schofield, Mr. D. G. McAvoy, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, was summoned for having driven his motor car without properly trimmed front lights on February 28 in Queen's Road East at 9.45 p.m.

Mr. McAvoy, in admitting the charge, explained that, with the exception of the near wing light, the rest of the lights were functioning perfectly. On going through Wanchai, it was raining. He switched off the front head lights, because of an oncoming Hong Kong Hotel bus. He added that it was probably a short circuit that was the cause of the head lights not working again.

Traffic-Sergeant Guild agreed with the facts, and the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$3.

POLAR EXPLORERS.

LEAVE IN SUBMARINE IN SNOWSTORM.

Philadelphia, Yesterday. A heavy snowstorm appropriately marked the departure of the submarine Nautilus, formerly of the United States Navy, in which Sir Hubert Wilkins and a party of explorers left for New York for the final trials en route to a trip to the North Pole under ice.—Reuter's American Service.

KING OF SPAIN.

PRECAUTIONS ON VISIT TO BRITAIN.

TO SEE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

London, Yesterday. Extraordinary precautions were taken on the occasion of the arrival of the King of Spain last night. His Majesty has come on a visit to his mother-in-law, Princess Beatrice, who has been seriously ill but is now progressing.—Reuter.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of March 17, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/3 %.

It is understood that an agreement has been entered into between the Hong Kong Land Investment Company and Wiseman's, Ltd., for the purchase by the latter of the property at 14, Des Vaux Road Central, in which they and many others at present carry on business. It is stated that the Company was influenced by the big demand for shop property, which was incidentally advanced, the value of the building in question, and threatened to leave the c/o without suitable premises at the expiry of the lease.

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IRELAND'S NIGHT.

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—TENNYSON.

The outstanding social event of the 1950-51 winter season in Hong Kong was St. Patrick's Dance. Owing to the large influx of Irishmen to the Colony since 1930 or thereabouts, the Hong Kong St. Patrick's Society at present occupies the proud position formerly held by the now defunct St. Andrew's Society. In Hong Kong, just as in Glasgow, the Shamrock has ousted the Thistle. On Friday, March 17, the day dedicated to Ireland's saint, over five thousand members and guests managed somehow or other to squeeze themselves into the City Hall. It speaks volumes for the old-time workmanship as well as for the quality of the nineteenth century bricks and mortar that, in spite of the huge assemblage and the abnormal avoidance of most of the dancers, the antique edifice is still intact and good for another fifty years.

The place was tastefully decorated with shamrock and lumps of peat. On the first landing there blazed an enormous St. Patrick's Cross lit up by green electric globes and festooned with oranges, while surmounting the whole was a life size portrait of Oliver Cromwell. Above this painting were the words "Gone But Not Forgotten." "Boys" and "Gals" dressed in native costume distributed programmes and helped the absent-minded and others—to find their partners.

Carefully searched. Before they entered the building members of the Society were carefully searched, special attention being paid to trousers, but in spite of the efforts of specially trained lynx-eyed experts a surprisingly large number of shille-lahs, blackthorns, overripe oranges,



Lady Camper: "This economical lamp won't burn."
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—Passing Show, London.

and stink-bombs found their way into the hall. Members of the Fire Brigade and St. Patrick's Ambulance Corps were in attendance.

With such tinned sardine elbow-rooms a graceful exposition of the terpsichorean art was, of course, out of the question. But the crush did not seem to have any damping effect on the enthusiasm of the dancers, though it was observed that several of the more fastidious, chiefly T. C. D. men, went away early. This was really a good thing as it left more room for the energetic and took a certain amount of strain off the creaking floor. The programme (which, as is invariably the case at St. Patrick's Dance, was not adhered to) was officially: one set of lancers, two waltzes, three one-steps, ten jigs, three reels, two hornpipes, two Tipperary Tangos, and a game of hurley. The typically Hibernian menu consisted of: (1) Mashed Potatoes; (2) Potatoes in the Jackets; (3) Potatoes and Bacon; (4) Potatoes and Cabbage; (5) Ham and Cabbage; (6) Irish Stew; (7) Potato fritters; (8) Pommes-de-terre; (9) Spuds a la Murphy; (10) Iced Potatoes; (11) Potes. One had the option of sampling each dish separately in the usual way or of having the first ten all mixed in a sort of hash and then washing it down with number eleven. Dancing mania, in order to get as much of the floor as was possible, plumped for the ten-in-one method; epicures selected their viands daintily; but the majority plodded steadily through the ten courses with frequent slings of number eleven.

The First Casualties.

It was during the second supper (there were five sittings) that the first casualties occurred. Two men were removed and attended to by the ambulance—an Englishman who made a disparaging reference to the glut of potatoes, and a Scotsman who asked for haggis. During the President's speech, which was

delivered in Erse and translated by an interpreter, a man from Galway who has a feud with the President got on to the platform and, seizing the speaker by the throat, exclaimed: "Be Jabers! and if it wasn't for the prairie uv the holy father (indicating a priest) I'd knock yir ruddy head off."

The interrupter was hauled away and told by the President: "Bad sean to yiz, Tim McNulty ye've fair spoiled the flow uv me rhetoric and I've clane forgot what I was going to say. But I'll settle with yiz after the dance." That seemed to satisfy Tim who went away quietly.

There was much din and hilarity in the Bar which was named "Clonakilly"—a name probably suggested by the St. Andrew's Dance Bar. "Auchtermuchty" of such hallowed memory. "Clonakilly" was got up to represent a Sligo shebeen and contained nothing but "Jamieson" and "Guinness," but lack of variety was compensated for by the quality of the stuff and the size of the pugs. A strong body of constables and special ejectors were stationed in the Bar.

The Ulsterman, who called themselves the Northern Lights, kept to the smaller dance hall and the other, self-dubbed True Greens, of whom a large percentage seemed to hail from Liverpool and Glasgow, monopolised the larger floor. Until midnight, things were comparatively quiet, and not more than half a dozen or so had been removed on stretchers. These, it should be explained, were unfortunately who, having partaken of Jamieson more well than wisely and finding their sense of direction a bit hazy on emerging from "Clonakilly," had stumbled on to the wrong floor.

The Real Fracas.

The real fracas, which began as the clocks were striking midnight, originated in a simple manner. A Glasgow Irishman, endowed with more temerity than tact, entered the "Orange Hall," and sang in a voice, which smacked of Clonakilly, "If you knock the 't' out of Ulster it will still be Ulster to me." His reward was a broken head.

That was, the signal. Then, as Shakespeare would say, were let slip the dogs of war. The pent-up feelings of both parties, so admirably held in check for three hours, at last burst the barriers of restraint and where seeming mirth and jollity had abounded havoc and tumult reigned. Fast and furious grew the din as shille-lahs, blackthorns, stink-bombs, cayenne pepper, and mustard gas drove away the timorous what time the light-headed pugnacious Gael came into his Kingdom. Unfortunately it is impossible to obtain a trustworthy account of the Homeric scrap that took place for all the reporters, with one exception, fled and the stories given by different eye-witnesses and fighters agree so little that one is completely in the dark.

The single Press man who remained in the hall of Pandemonium in hopes of making a scoop is now wishing he had followed the inglorious example of his discreet brethren. Determined to obtain "copy" the intrepid (or, should we say, ignorant) reporter wedged and dodged his way to where the battle raged fiercest. Suddenly he found himself in the grip of a frenzied giant, one of whose eyes was rapidly closing and whose "dicky" was bespattered with blood.



DOROTHY McNULTY, ROBERT MONTGOMERY and DOROTHY JORDAN in "LOVE IN THE ROUGH". Dorothy McNulty, Robert Montgomery and Dorothy Jordan appearing in the golf farce "Love in the Rough" showing on Thursday in the Queen's Theatre.

"Are you a True Green or a 'sanguinary' Ulster?" was the belittled demand of the Berserker.

Terrorized Press Man.

The terrified Press man managed to stutter that he did not belong to either party, that he came from Melbourne and was representing the China Echo. Then, imagining that he might ingratiate himself with his captor, he added that in the great war over thirty years ago he had been attached to the Connaught Rangers. "The Common Dangers," exclaimed Mike, "Be-gorra I was in the Munster Fusiliers and I'll knock your block off any day."

Evidently he was as good as his word for the next thing the now very anti-Irish Press man remembers is waking up in hospital with five stitches in his temple and a thousand noises in his head. He is still there. He does not lack company, however, for in the same ward there are heroes—suffering from concussion and three others still unconscious, while, it is understood, over 100 others have been attended to for minor injuries.

These numbers, though imposing, fall far short of those of previous years, and this fact is causing no small concern in the ranks of the young Irishlanders. These firebrands are shaking their wounded heads over what they consider the decadence of the race and muttering that Ireland has lost her breed of noble "boys." Moreover there is a rift in the True Green lute and a smaller one in that of the Northern Lights. It is alleged by fighters of both parties that members of the medical profession (all Hong Kong's European doctors are now German or Irish) did not display the same ardour as the lawyers, teachers, and laymen. They were thinking of their pockets rather than of the glory of the "ould" country.

Hauter!

It is also rumoured that the men from Trinity College, Dublin (T.C.D.s) showed a certain amount of hauteur and lukewarmness, while the contingent from Macao are put down as snobs. The crowd of "Boys" from Canton covered themselves with glory and had very heavy casualties—one man has disappeared altogether. But, worst of all (from a True Green standpoint) is the defection of the men of Clare who, for some reason known only to themselves, refused to fight. It is said that the sight of these sulking hedgers greatly encouraged the Ulstermen and enabled the Northern Lights to carry off intact the painting of Cromwell. As a result Clare has declared a vendetta against both parties.

Such is the tale of the 1951 St. Patrick's Dance in Hong Kong. Each side, whilst claiming the victory, loudly declares the other side to have been the aggressor. As the China Echo's policy in such matters is always a neutral one we refrain from making any comment.—China Echo, March 18, 1951.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

JANET GAYNOR IN "HIGH SOCIETY BLUES."

A MUSICAL HIT.

Janet Gaynor, appearing with Charles Farrell in "High Society Blues," Fox Movietone Musical hit, in the Queen's Theatre, plays the sort of role she always has wanted to in this production.

"I've been an 'Orphan Annie' so often, that I'm glad of a chance of being a wealthy society girl for a change," Miss Gaynor said. William Collier, sen., Joyce Compton, Hedda Hopper, Louise Lucien Littlefield, Brandon Hurst and Gregory Gays also are in the cast. David Butler, remembered for his production of "Sunny Side Up," directed.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Society Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.
To-night—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, and Hotel Cecil.
To-night—St. Patrick Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.
Friday—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's "High Society Blues." Theatre.
To-day—Central Theatre "Slightly Scarlet."
To-day—Majestic Theatre "Delightful Rogue."
To-day—Star Theatre "Faust."
To-day—World Theatre "Flying Swords Woman" (Chinese picture).
Thursday—Concert, Helena May Institute.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.
To-morrow—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building 11.30 a.m.
To-morrow—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Friday—Hong Kong Automobile Association, Jardine Matheson Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
March 30—Society of St. George, Jardine Matheson's Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
March 30—Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Building, noon.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Athos II).
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Russia), 10 a.m.

Lammerts' Auction.

To-morrow—At 8, Peak Mansion, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.
Miscellaneous.
March 23—St. Joseph's College prize distribution, 5 p.m.

Five song numbers, most of them on the way to attain universal popularity, were provided by Joseph McCarthy and James F. Hanley.

"SLIGHTLY SCARLET."

Always identified with dramatic, serious roles, Evelyn Brent has reached a high point in her brilliant moving picture career in her latest film, "Slightly Scarlet," the current feature in the Central Theatre. In "Slightly Scarlet," as in the smashing success, "Interference," Miss Brent plays opposite Clive Brook.

Miss Brent has been called the "queen of melodramas," and "Slightly Scarlet" is a tense, dramatic, highly adventurous, romantic melodrama. The story unfolds in handsome surroundings with one unusual twist after another. Miss Brent, famous on the screen for the beauty of her clothes, wears in "Slightly Scarlet" many new creations which admirably set off her gorgeous, dark beauty.

Born in Tampa, Florida, Miss Brent lived in Syracuse and Brooklyn, N.Y., and worked as an extra in the World Film studio at Fort Lee, N.J. Then she went to Britain, and was taken back to the United States to play in American moving pictures. "Darkened Rooms," recently released, was her first starring picture. She was seen in "Fast Company," "Why Bring That Up?" "Woman Trap," and "The Last Command."

"LOVE IN THE ROUGH."

Golf caddies who play harmonicas were rounded up by Charles F. (Chuck) Reinsner, who organised an

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT'S DEATH.

A MEETING will be held This Afternoon in the Great Hall of the University at 5.30. All members of the University are invited to attend. Members of the University Staff are requested to wear Academic Dress.

W. W. HORNELL,
Vice-Chancellor.

Hong Kong, March 17, 1931.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

COMPETITORS are requested to note that a Complete List of Matches fixed for the current week is on view in the Club Pavilion every MONDAY, and that they should make themselves acquainted with the dates on which they are down to play.

Ties in the Handicap Events are now being arranged.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931.

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Hong Kong, 16th March, 1931.

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harmonica band to take with him on location for "Love in the Rough," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's adaptation of the stage hit, "Spring Fever."

In the new musical comedy film, Robert Montgomery and Dorothy Jordan play a singing love scene out on the links. Reinsner, to give it novel musical setting, wanted to have a caddy harmonica band instead of a regular orchestra.

The director took his company to the Norecanon Club as a location trip, the major portion of the action taking place on the golf course and Club-house grounds.

Benny Rubin leads the comedy troupe in the new picture which will open on Thursday in the Queen's Theatre, and the supporting cast includes J. C. Nugent, Dorothy McNulty, and Catherine Moylan.

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HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

H. K. UNIVERSITY SUCCESSFUL.

Lee Hah Liong Becomes Champion.

ANDERSON RUNNER-UP.

A large crowd witnessed the final day of the triangular University athletic meeting at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, among those present being H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, and Lady Peel, Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor, Hong Kong University, Capt. T. A. H. Collman, A.D.C. to the Governor, Dr. R. Ponsomby Fane, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall, and Mr. G. P. de Martin.

The Hong Kong University, who had had things much their own way on the opening day, did not figure so prominently yesterday in the many field events. Lingnam captured the second day's honours by scoring 33 points to Hong Kong's 31 and Sun Yat-sen's 13 points.

The individual championship was won by Lee Hah-liong with 29 points to his credit, and he was followed with D. J. N. Anderson as runner-up with 20 points. Both athletes were representatives of the Hong Kong University. The third place was provided by a representative of the Lingnam University, Leung King-ping, with 11 points. Miss Alice Wood, Hong Kong University's representative, in the ladies' track events, came through the meeting with distinction, also winning all three events in which she took part.

At the conclusion of the sports, Lady Peel presented the trophies to the successful competitors.

Sir W. Hornell after congratulating the Hong Kong University on having gained the first place and also Lee Hah-liong for having obtained the individual championship, thanked all those present for having contributed to the success of the occasion, and also the Lingnam and Sun Yat-sen Universities for having entered teams.

The presentation of a bouquet to Lady Peel by Miss Alice Wood terminated a thoroughly enjoyable sports meeting.

The following is a table showing the first three positions for every Championship event:—

First Day.

	1st	2nd	3rd
100 Metres	H.K. H.K. L.		
800 Metres	H.K. H.K. H.K.		
Pole Vault	H.K. H.K. L.		
200 Metres	H.K. L. L.		
Long Jump	H.K. L. L.		
Putting the Weight	H.K. L. H.K.		
110 M High Hurdles	H.K. L. H.K.		
400 Metres	H.K. H.K. L.		
Throwing the Discus	H.K. L. L.		
400 Metres Relay	H.K. L. L.		
1,500 Metres	H.K. H.K. H.K.		

3 people tied for first place.—One Hong Kong and two Lingnam competitors.

Second Day.

	1st	2nd	3rd
1,600 Metres Relay	H.K. L. L.		
200 Metres Low Hurdles	H.K. L. L.		
Throwing the Javelin	S. L. S.		
Hop, Step and Jump	L. L. H.K.		
10,000 Metres	H.K. L. H.K.		
800 Metres Relay	H.K. L. L.		

The scoring of points is as follows: Relay races 1st—10 points; 2nd—5 points; 3rd—2 points. Other events 1st—5 points; 2nd—3 points; 3rd—1 point. Thus from the above table it will be seen that Hong Kong scored 103 points, Lingnam 66 points and Sun Yat-sen 13 points.

FULL RESULTS OF INTER-UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS.

First Day.

100 Metres—1, Lee Hah-liong (H.K.); 2, V. E. Koppe (H.K.); 3, Lau Tang (L.). Time: 13.10 sec.	800 Metres—1, D. J. N. Anderson (H.K.); 2, A. T. Nomanbhoy (H.K.); 3, H. H. Ma (H.K.). Time: 2 mins. 17.4 sec.	Pole Vault—1, A. Baker (H.K.); Leung King-ping (L.) and Lo Kwong-ye (L.) tied for first place. Height: 10 ft. 0.4 ins.	200 Metres—1, Lee Hah-liong (H.K.); 2, Ma Chiu-chong (L.); 3, Lau Tang (L.). Time: 23.75 sec.	50 Metres (Ladies)—1, Miss A. Wood (H.K.); 2, Sze-to Wun (L.); 3, Chu Chun-ming (L.). Time: 7.3 sec.	Long Jump—1, Philip Chue (L.); 2, C. Candah (H.K.); 3, Sze-to Kwong (L.). Distance: 20 ft. 0.4 ins.	800 Metres (Open)—1, H. Muller; 2, Robinson; 3, Ichak. Time: 2 mins. 19.5 sec.	Putting the Weight—1, D. Oppenheim (H.K.); 2, Milton Goo (L.); 3, P. L. Tan (H.K.).	110 Metres High Hurdles—1, Lee Hah-liong (H.K.); 2, Lau Wan-chiu (L.); 3, C. Candah (H.K.). Time: 17 sec.	400 Metres—1, D. J. N. Anderson (H.K.); 2, S. C. Ho (H.K.); 3, Maak Kwok-choi (L.). Time: 67 sec.	Putting the Weight (Ladies)—1, Miss Lee Chu-lun (L.); 2, Miss C. Wong (H.K.); 3, Miss R. Perry (H.K.). Distance: 21 ft. 6 ins.	1,500 Metres (Open Relay)—1, Chinese Athletic Association; 2, H.M.S. Hermes. Time: 3 mins. 57.25 sec.	Throwing the Discus—1, Vargassoff (H.K.); 2, To Shue-cheng (L.); 3, Wong Shue-ping (L.). Distance: 101 ft. 1 in.	400 Metres Relay—1, Hong Kong; 2, Lingnam. Time: 48 sec.	1,500 Metres—1, D. J. N. Anderson (H.K.); 2, H. H. Ma (H.K.); 3, A. T. Nomanbhoy (H.K.). Time: 5 mins. 2.4 sec.
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Second Day.

1,600 Metres Relay—1, Hong Kong; 2, Sun Yat-sen. Time: 3 mins. 58 sec.	Long Jump (Ladies)—1, Miss A. Wood (H.K.); 2, Miss Sze-to Wun (L.); 3, Miss Lee Chu-lun (L.). Distance: 12 ft. 8.4 ins.	200 Metres Low Hurdles—1, Leung King-ping (L.); 2, Lee Hah-liong (H.K.); 3, Lau Shuen-ming (L.). Time: 28.1/10th sec.	Javelin Throw—1, Ma Yuen-kue (Sun Yat-sen); 2, To Shue-cheng (L.); 3, Wong Hing-kwan (S.Y.S.). Distance: 128 ft. 11 ins.	Hop, Step and Jump—1, Sze-to Kwong (L.); 2, Leung King-ping (L.); 3, O. de Souza (H.K.). Distance: 44 ft. 1 inch.	100 Metres (Ladies)—1, Miss A. Wood (H.K.); 2, Miss Kwok-Pui-chee (H.K.); 3, Miss Sze-to Wun (L.). Time: 16.2/5 sec.	10,000 Metres—1, H. H. Ma (H.K.); 2, Leung Chun-tong (L.); 3, Nomanbhoy (H.K.). Time: 42 mins. 2/5 sec.	High Jump—1, Leung King-ping (L.); 2, Leung King-ping (L.); 3, Lee Hah-liong (H.K.). Height: 5 ft. 4.4 ins.	200 Metres Relay (Ladies)—1, Hong Kong; 2, Lingnam. Time: 32.4 sec.	800 Metres Relay—1, Hong Kong; 2, Lingnam; 3, Sun Yat-sen.	Individual Championship—1, Lee Hah-liong (H.K.), 29 points; 2, D. J. N. Anderson (H.K.), 20 points; 3, Leung King-ping (L.), 14 points.	Inter-University Championship—1, Hong Kong, 103 points; 2, Lingnam, 66 points; 3, Sun Yat-sen, 13 points.
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Sport Columns

ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Birmingham Win at West Ham.

EVERTON DEFEATED.

Three matches in the First Division of the English League were played yesterday.

Portsmouth visited the lowly Manchester United and secured full points by the solitary goal scored, thus mere than avenging their defeat on the same ground last season by 3-0. This win places Portsmouth fourth from the top of the table.

Birmingham, fresh from their English Cup triumph on Saturday, journeyed to West Ham and maintained their revived form of late by winning by the odd goal in three and, incidentally, getting a little further away from the relegation zone.

Huddersfield, playing at home, defeated Sunderland by a couple of goals, but the result has no bearing on the championship or promotion problem.

Tottenham Hotspur, who are making a great effort to get back to the First Division, played a capital game against the leaders, Everton, and won by the only goal scored.

Results as cabled by Reuter:—

Division I.	
Manchester U. 0	Portsmouth 1
West Ham 1	Birmingham 2
Huddersfield 2	Sunderland 0

Division II.	
Tottenham 1	Everton 0

REVISED TABLES.

Division I.		Goals.
Arsenal	33	21
Aston Villa	34	20
Wednesday	33	18
Portsmouth	33	15
Derby	32	15
Manchester U.	34	15
Liverpool	33	13
Huddersfield	33	13
Middlesbrough	34	15
Blackburn	34	13
West Ham	33	13
Sheffield U.	33	13
Sunderland	32	10
Leicester	32	13
Chelsea	32	11
Newcastle	33	13
Birmingham	32	10
Grimsby	33	12
Bolton	33	10
Blackpool	33	9
Leeds	34	9
Manchester U.	33	5

Division II.		Goals.
Everton	32	24
Tottenham	33	20
West Brom.	31	16
Port Vale	33	17
Wolves	32	18
Preston N.E.	33	15
Bolton	33	10
Southampton	33	15
Bury	33	15
Millwall	33	14
Oldham	33	12
Stoke	33	12
Charlton	33	12
Swansea	33	12
Notts For.	33	9
Barnsley	33	9
Cardiff	33	9
Plymouth	33	9
Reading	33	7
Cardiff	33	7

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF.

Club Championship Result.

LOPES' FIRST WIN.

The final round for the Club Championship of the Country Club was decided last Sunday when A. W. da Roza and A. A. Lopes played the thirty six hole final for the premier honour, which Lopes secured by defeating da Roza by two and one.

It was an evenly contested match and at times produced good golf. A. W. da Roza held the lead after the morning round, but in the afternoon, had to give way to the better golf played by Lopes who accomplished the last seventeen holes in one below four.

This is the first year Lopes has been successful in winning the championship, although he has been runner-up on more than one occasion.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

GOLF.—To-day—Ladies' Section Prize Distribution, Fanning; Final of Ross Cup (Ladies); Garrison Officers' Annual Meeting, Fanning. L.A.W.N. TENNIS.—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

CHES.—To-day—Entries close for Colony's Championship.

FOOTBALL.—To-morrow—Combined Services v. Chinese, Soekun-poo.

Saturday—Senior Shield—Royal Artillery v. South Wales Borderers; Kowloon F.C. v. South China A.A.; Junior Shield—Navy v. Kowloon F.C.; Club v. Eastern F.C.

April 18—Sunday—Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

HOCKEY.—To-morrow—Hockey Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C. Ground, 4.45 p.m.

Friday—Carr Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School.

Saturday—Carr Clark Cup—Club de Recreio v. St. Andrew's Club.

LAWN BOWLS.—Friday—Kowloon Bowling Green Club—Annual Meeting, 5.45 p.m.

March 22—Lawn Bowls Association Annual Meeting.

ATHLETICS.—Saturday—Central British School Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.; St. Stephen's College Sports, Stanley, 2 p.m.

FRANCING.—Saturday—Tournament, Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.

Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

CRICKET.—Saturday—Division I—Cranegeover, C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); Navy C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Navy C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (P.); Division II—Hong Kong C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Cranegeover C.C. (L.); University v. Kowloon C.C. (L.).

HOKEY.—Saturday—China Fleet Amateur Championships (Finals), Theatre Royal.

RACING.—Sunday—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

April 4 and 6—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

SAILING.—Monday—Entries Close for Trevesa Trophy.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—March 25—Army v. Navy, Soekunpoo, 5 p.m.

March 28—Club v. Navy, Club Ground, 2 p.m.

April 4—Club v. Army, Soekunpoo, 2 p.m.

HOME.

FOOTBALL.—To-morrow—Army v. The Rest, Woolwich.

Saturday—England v. Scotland (Amateurs), Chelsea.

March 28—Scotland v. England, Glasgow.

April 25—English Cup Final, Rugby Football.—To-morrow—Rugby League—England v. Wales, Huddersfield.

Saturday—Scotland v. England, Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

April 6—France v. England, Fanning.

ROWING.—Saturday—Oxford v. Cambridge.

GOLF.—March 24 and 25—Oxford v. Cambridge, Sandwich.

BOXING.—March 25—A.B.A. Championships, Albert Hall.

RACING.—March 25—Lincolnshire Handicap.

March 26—Liverpool Spring Cup.

March 27—Grand National Steeplechase.

HOCKEY.—March 28—Scotland v. England, Perth.

ROSSLYN PARK DRAW WITH OLD BLUES.

Harlequins Defeated by Leicester.

OXFORD'S VICTORY.

London, March 8. The following are the latest Club Rugby results to hand: Rosslyn Park—Old Blues 15-15. Leicester—Harlequins 32-3. Oxford U.—Blackheath 15-3. Bristol—Guy's Hospital 20-5.

WEST INDIES TOUR OF AUSTRALIA.

Complete Results of All Matches.

FOREIGN CONDITIONS.

The West Indies touring side achieved what the might of England could not accomplish in England last year—they defeated Australia in a Test match by 30 runs on Australian territory!

The record for the tour at a glance does not look too imposing, but this was to be expected, considering the youthful and inexperienced side which was sent over to gain lessons in "the big match temperament." Below is appended a complete list of the results of the tour.

FIRST TEST v. AUSTRALIA—at Adelaide.

(Lost by 10 wickets.)

West Indies: 296 (E. L. Bartlett 84, C. A. Roach 56, G. C. Grant 53; Grimmett 7 for 87) and 249 (G. C. Grant 71, L. S. Birkett 64; Grimmett 4 for 96).

Australia: 376 (A. Kippax 146; S. McCabe 90; O. C. Scott 4 for 83), and 172 for 0 wickets (Ponsford 92, Jackson 70).

SECOND TEST v. AUSTRALIA—at Sydney.

(Lost by an innings & 172 runs.)

Australia: 369 (Ponsford 183; Woodfull 58; Scott 4 for 66).

West Indies: 107 (Grimmett 4 for 54), and 90 (Hurwood 4 for 22; Ironmonger 3 for 13; Grimmett 1 for 9).

THIRD TEST v. AUSTRALIA—at Brisbane.

(Lost by an innings & 24 runs.)

Australia: 558 (Bradman 223; Ponsford 109; Kippax 84).

West Indies: 193 (Headley 102; R. K. Oxenham 4 for 39; Grimmett 4 for 95) and 148 (Grimmett 5 for 49).

FOURTH TEST v. AUSTRALIA—at Melbourne.

(Lost by an innings & 122 runs.)

West Indies: 99 (Ironmonger 7 for 23) and 107.

Australia: 328 for 8 (declared) Bradman 152, Woodfull 83).

The fourth Test concluded on the second day—a Test record.

FIFTH TEST v. AUSTRALIA—at Sydney.

(Won by 30 runs.)

West Indies: 350 for 6 wickets, declared and 124 for 5 wickets, declared.

Australia: 224 and 220.

v. Wellington, N.Z. (Drawn).

Wellington: 195 (L. N. Constantine 6 wickets for 24 runs).

West Indies: 128 (L. S. Birkett 40 not out).

v. New South Wales. (Lost by 6 wickets.)

West Indies: 188 (A. Chivers 4 for 84; W. A. Oldfield claimed 6 victims behind the wickets, 3 at and 3 c.) and 241 (G. Headley 82; L. N. Constantine 59; H. Chivers 5 for 73).

New South Wales: 207 (D. Bradman 73; Constantine 4 for 44), 224 for 4 wickets (A. Jackson 62; F. R. Martin 3 for 35).

v. Victoria. (Lost by an innings & 254 runs.)

West Indies: 212 (G. Headley 131; H. Ironmonger 5 for 87, E. L. A. Beckett 4 for 51), and 128 (Ironmonger 8 for 31).

Victoria: 594 (W. H. Ponsford 187; H. Rigg 126, L. Darling 83; J. S. Ryder 65, B. Barnett 58, Constantine 5 for 64).

v. South Australia. (Lost by 10 wickets.)

West Indies: 171 (C. A. Roach 64; Grimmett 4 for 71) and 162 (Grimmett 5 for 43).

South Australia: 330 (P. K. Lee 55, T. Wall 53, C. V. Grimmett 50; N. C. Griffith 3 for 75), and 4 for 0 wickets.

v. Tasmania. (Won by 50 runs.)

West Indies: 353 (Constantine 100).

Tasmania: 184 and 119 (Griffiths 3 for 20, Scott 3 for 63).

v. Tasmania. (Drawn).

Tasmania: 280 (Constantine 6 for 25).

West Indies: 242 for 2 wickets. (Birkett 128, Martin 79).

v. Queensland. (Won by 319 runs.)

West Indies: 309 (Constantine 75), and

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.	
Batavia	Tjisondari
Straits	Van Heutsz
Saigon	Angers
Shanghai	Kanchow
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru
Straits	Terukuni Maru

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning
THURSDAY, MARCH 19.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 28)	Eurylochus
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, Feb. 19)	Soudan

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru
C. India, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28)	Empress of Japan

SATURDAY, MARCH 21.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 20)	President Garfield
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MONDAY, MARCH 23.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 27)	President Jackson
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TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

London (Parcels only, London, Feb. 12) and Straits	Apchiasa
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OUTWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.	
Samsui and Wuchow	Kong Ning
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius	4 p.m.
E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Antenor
	(Due Marseilles April 15)

K.P.O.

Registration	4.30 p.m.
Letters	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco	5 p.m.

G.P.O.

Registration	5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
Van Heutsz	5 p.m.

Tatsuta Maru	(Due San Francisco, Apr. 8.)
Registration	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Letters	Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Russia
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 4 and Europe via Siberia.)
Parcels	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
Registration	Mar. 18, 9.15 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

Japan	Kamo Maru
Samsui	Hin Sang
Shanghai	Chennan
Straits	Lycemoon
Shanghai	Amur Maru
Amoy	Tsinnan
Tourane	Chung Kong

THURSDAY, MARCH 19.

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru
Swatow	Hydrangea
Japan	Soudan
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining
Amoy	Tjisondari
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	2 p.m.

K.P.O.

Registration	Mar. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	Mar. 21, 9 a.m.

G.P.O.

Registration	Mar. 21, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21.

Manila	Empress of Japan
Registration	3.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22.

Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru
Manila	Shinyo Maru

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

Straits and Calcutta	Ho Sang
Registration	Mar. 24, Noon
Letters	1 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi
	(Due Marseilles, Apr. 24.)

K.P.O.

Parcels	Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Mar. 28, 9 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Registration	Mar. 28, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10.30 a.m.

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HONG KONG POLICE VICTORY.

Shanghai Beaten at Revolver Shooting.

BOOKER'S FINE EFFORT.

The Interpol revolver shooting contest between members of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Police Forces, which was held at the Bowen Road Revolver Range yesterday resulted in an overwhelming victory for the local force.

Four courses were fired, the first three at a distance of 15 yards, and the fourth at a distance of ten yards in the covered range.

The second course was the rapid, six shots being fired within 10 seconds.

The third was directed at two moving objects and at two bobbing targets, two rounds were fired at each of the moving objects and a round at each of the bobbing targets.

The fourth course, over the shorter distance of 10 yards, was centred on four bobbing "heads" appearing from behind corners, six rounds being fired within a period of 10 seconds.

The full results were as follow:

Hong Kong.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Insp. Barker	23	23	30	25	101
Insp. Carpenter	21	18	20	20	79
Insp. Carey	25	11	20	20	76
P.S. Ritchie	18	22	20	20	80
L.S. MacKay	18	6	20	20	64
L.S. Russell	21	11	20	30	82
L.S. Scott	18	12	20	30	80
P.S. Brand	16	15	20	25	76
Total	160	119	170	190	639

Shanghai.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Reed	22	10	30	20	82
Hurry	16	0	0	0	16
McPherson	9	0	10	0	19
Adams	14	5	10	10	39
Dickson	14	3	10	10	37
Scott	7	11	20	10	48
Jack	10	11	20	10	51
Total	92	51	110	65	318

The Sharpshooters Company of the Police Reserves also entered a team and returned a very good score.

Their detailed scores were as under:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Van der Lely	26	16	20	10	72
Dorabjee	22	3	10	15	50
Bendall	19	14	15	5	53
Y. K. Ho	24	8	30	30	92
J. Fletcher	29	14	30	25	98
P. Fletcher	26	17	25	20	88
Dovey	28	6	25	30	89
Starling	28	9	20	20	77
Total	202	87	175	155	619

YACHTING.

YESTERDAY'S LADIES' RACE AT R.H.K.Y.C.

MRS. ROUSE'S PRIZES.

The ladies' race for the prizes presented by Mrs. Rouse was held yesterday afternoon at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The course was:

Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on line (S), Cust Rock mark boat (S), Channel Rocks (S), Mark on line (S), Cust Rock mark boat (S), a distance of 3.1 miles.

The results were as follow:

"H" Class.

Yacht	Posn.	Sailed by
Diana	1	Mrs. Bingham
Rolla	2	Mrs. Thorpe
La Linda	3	Mrs. Mackie
Argula II.	4	Mrs. Penrice

"T", "Y" and "G" Classes.

Yacht	Posn.	Sailed by
Why Wonder?	3	Mrs. Powkes
Wings	5	Mrs. Flood
Bluejacket	2	Mrs. Adams
Boojum	4	Mrs. Pickering
Speedwell	1	Mrs. Stewart

At the outset I suggested that the full-back's first duty is to clear his lines. I emphasise that point. If I were Irish I should probably say there is only one time when the full-back should dribble, and that is—never.—Tom Parker, Arsenal's right back.

H.K.C.C. LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rumjahn Concedes Eight Games.

FOUR WALK-OVERS

Yesterday's programme in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Championships provided four walk-overs, and on the whole a very uneventful afternoon's entertainment.

The full results were as follow:

Open Singles.

M. K. Lo beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

G. A. L. Rumjahn beat Slow Kim-sung 6-3, 7-5.

L. T. Ride received walk-over from G. Lai.

Tsui Wai-pui received walk-over from Capt. W. M. Morgan.

S. A. Rumjahn received walk-over from W. N. Petch.

Open Doubles.

Lee Woon-tai and Lee Wai-tai beat F. Grace and R. Chon 6-4, 6-3.

E. C. and E. F. Pinner received walk-over from W. V. Soonderam and Lee Hui-mo.

Club Championship.

L. Goldman beat R. H. D. Wade 6-0, 6-0.

LADIES' GOLF AT FANLING.

Mrs. D. S. Lambert Wins Championship.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.

At Fanling on Sunday, the Ladies' Championship of the R.H.K.G.C. was won by Mrs. D. S. Lambert, who beat Mrs. H. P. Keary by 4 and 3.

Mrs. Burton qualified for February for the Captain's Cup, after a tie with Mrs. Rodgers.

Mrs. Roffey won the bogey competition for the prize presented by Mrs. Gilmore, by two up.

There will be a medal competition on the New Course, Fanling, on March 31 for a prize, kindly presented by Mrs. Cassidy.

Attention is again drawn to the annual prize-giving on March 24, at Fanling.

CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

CHINESE GENERALS RECALCITRANT.

DISBANDMENT OF TROOPS.

Peking, Yesterday.

Four dissatisfied Generals in Yunnan forced the Provincial Chairman, General Lung Yun, to resign on March 11, and he left Yunnan on March 12. Various responsible bureaux are now carrying on the Government.

The recalcitrant Generals, who are understood to object to Nan-king's plans for the disbandment of troops in Yunnan, are summoning a military conference to re-organise the Government.—Reuter.

BERLIN AIR ROUTE.

GERMAN PLANES TO FLY TO MANCHULI.

Peking, Yesterday.

The two German aeroplanes which arrived yesterday are expected to remain here a week, then fly to Manchuli, which it is anticipated will take ten hours.—Reuter.

[The planes are engaged on test flights for the proposed Nanking-Berlin air service. They flew to Peking from Shanghai non-stop in seven hours.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benclench from Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here about March 24.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London	1/1 1/2
Bank, wire	1/1 1/2
Bank, on demand	1/1 1/2
Bank, 3 months' sight	1/1 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/1 3/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/1 1/16
On Paris	645
On demand	645
Credits, 4 months' sight	685
On New York	25 1/4
On demand	25 1/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	26 1/4
On Bombay	69 1/2
Wire	69 1/2
On demand	69 1/2
On Calcutta	69 1/2
Wire	69 1/2
On demand	45
On Shanghai	50 1/2
On demand	Tls. 76 1/4
Dollar	4 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama	51 1/4
On demand	51 1/4
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/1 1/4
Silver (per oz.)	14 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2 p.a.
Chinese Sub. Com.	23 1/2 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Com.	23 1/2 dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	124.14 1/2
Paris	4.85 25/32
New York	34.86 1/2
Brussels	25.24 1/2
Geneva	12.12 1/2
Amsterdam	32.74 1/2
Milan	20.40 1/2
Berlin	18.14
Stockholm	18.16 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslo	34.56 1/2
Vienna	164
Helsingfors	133 1/4
Madrid	45.55
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	4 1/32
Buenos Aires	39 1/2
Montevideo	37 1/2
Bombay	1/5 3/16
Shanghai	1/4
Hong Kong	1/1 1/4
Yokohama	2/1 1/32
Silver Spot	14 1/2
Silver Forward	14 7/16

CHINA PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION.

Committee Drafts An Outline.

FIVE-YUAN SYSTEM.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Kuo Min new agency states that a general outline of the Provisional Constitution has been decided upon by the drafting committee. It will consist of five chapters and will embody the five-yuan system, bill of rights, and programme to be carried out during the period of political tutelage.

The draft must be submitted to the Standing Committee of the Central Executive Council for approval before submission to the People's Convention on May 5.—Reuter.

GENERAL MOTORS.

TAKE OUT INSURANCE FOR \$500,000.000.

EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE.

New York, Yesterday.

The General Motors Corporation have taken out an insurance policy for the record sum of \$500,000,000, under which 150,000 dealers and employees in the United States will be eligible for life insurance benefits.—Reuter's American Service.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 17th March, 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Open	Close	Pin	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1980	197 1/2	1980	197 1/2	1980	[Final 25 bonus 21 for 1930 ex. 1/11-1/12-1/13-1/14-1/15-1/16-1/17-1/18-1/19-1/20-1/21-1/22-1/23-1/24-1/25-1/26-1/27-1/28-1/29-1/30-1/31-1/32-1/33-1/34-1/35-1/36-1/37-1/38-1/39-1/40-1/41-1/42-1/43-1/44-1/45-1/46-1/47-1/48-1/49-1/50-1/51-1/52-1/53-1/54-1/55-1/56-1/57-1/58-1/59-1/60-1/61-1/62-1/63-1/64-1/65-1/66-1/67-1/68-1/69-1/70-1/71-1/72-1/73-1/74-1/75-1/76-1/77-1/78-1/79-1/80-1/81-1/82-1/83-1/84-1/85-1/86-1/87-1/88-1/89-1/90-1/91-1/92-1/93-1/94-1/95-1/96-1/97-1/98-1/99-1/100-1/101-1/102-1/103-1/104-1/105-1/106-1/107-1/108-1/109-1/110-1/111-1/112-1/113-1/114-1/115-1/116-1/117-1/118-1/119-1/120-1/121-1/122-1/123-1/124-1/125-1/126-1/127-1/128-1/129-1/130-1/131-1/132-1/133-1/134-1/135-1/136-1/137-1/138-1/139-1/140-1/141-1/142-1/143-1/144-1/145-1/146-1/147-1/148-1/149-1/150-1/151-1/152-1/153-1/154-1/155-1/156-1/157-1/158-1/159-1/160-1/161-1/162-1/163-1/164-1/165-1/166-1/167-1/168-1/169-1/170-1/171-1/172-1/173-1/174-1/175-1/176-1/177-1/178-1/179-1/180-1/181-1/182-1/183-1/184-1/185-1/186-1/187-1/188-1/189-1/190-1/191-1/192-1/193-1/194-1/195-1/196-1/197-1/198-1/199-1/200-1/201-1/202-1/203-1/204-1/205-1/206-1/207-1/208-1/209-1/210-1/211-1/212-1/213-1/214-1/215-1/216-1/217-1/218-1/219-1/220-1/221-1/222-1/223-1/224-1/225-1/226-1/227-1/228-1/229-1/230-1/231-1/232-1/233-1/234-1/23

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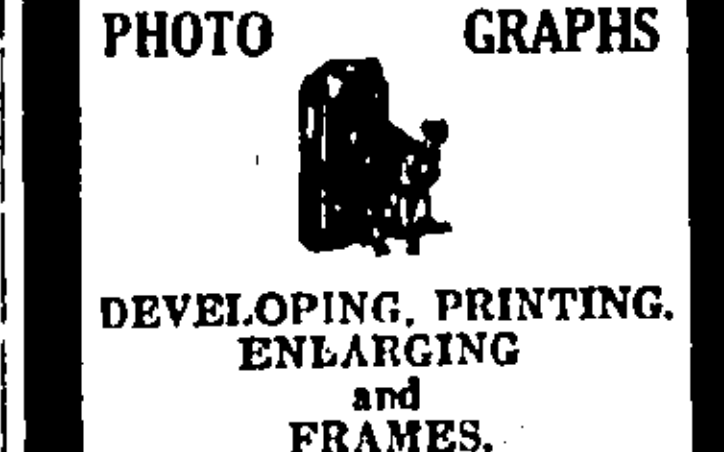
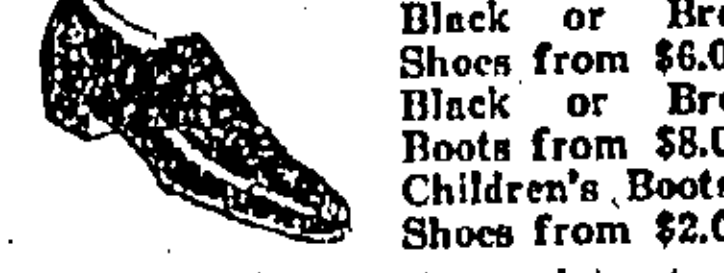


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QUEUES FOR MEAT
THAT NEVER COMES.Life Under the Soviet
Regime in Moscow.

WILD STREET SCENES.

The Daily Express in mail week publishes the first of a series of vivid articles on Russia as it is to-day, by Mr. Carl J. Ketchum, the Daily Express Special Correspondent, and the only British newspaper correspondent who has been admitted to Russia for more than a year.

Mr. Ketchum first refers, in this article, to the "spectacular progress" of Stalin's famous "Five Year Plan," and then describes the "colossal human sacrifice" which Russia is making in the hope of carrying the plan to success. He reveals that Moscow really believes that war is at hand.

Although he was shadowed constantly by the Russian secret service, Mr. Ketchum was allowed to go where he liked. He saw the whole tremendous panorama of the Russian industrial revolution, and he saw behind the scenes.

His cables to London were censored, so he decided to return here before writing his full story. He has now returned.

His instructions are that he is to tell everything that he saw, to tell the whole truth, no matter what prejudices it may offend, either in Britain or in Russia.

"Spectacular Progress and Colossal Sacrifice."

Red Russia to-day (he writes) is a nation torn between two emotions. One is of hope. The other is of fear.

Hope, because so spectacular has been the progress of the constructional side of her titanic "Five Year Plan," that already the battle cry is resounding along the whole ten thousand miles of her new industrial front stretching from the Ural Mountains to the Caucasus—"The Five Year Plan in Four!"

Fear, because at a moment when her workers in their millions are toiling like galley-slaves before the driving pressure of a system of impressed labour, probably unparalleled in history, a haunting, almost overwhelming apprehension hangs hourly over the Kremlin, an apprehension of impending war!

Every morning for weeks now the state newspapers have proclaimed their leading pages describe the movements and the latest triumphs of her industrial shock brigades struggling forward in every corner of the land.

Yet alternating with these are vivid despatches from abroad, combined with long explanatory articles written here at home, in which war—a war beginning with a conflict with her western neighbour, Poland—is heralded as being as inevitable as the approach of the coming months of Spring.

But why war? It was not until I spent an evening with one of the highest officials in the Soviet Foreign Office two nights before I was due to embark for London that I was convinced of the grave sincerity of the Government's concern.

Their attitude was explained to me in this way. Neither Poland, Roumania, France, nor even Britain is expected to declare war on Russia. Yet some day in the not far distant future, probably when the Winter snows have melted and the roads are once more passable for traffic, another Soviet ambassador will be assassinated in the streets of Warsaw.

Simultaneously there will be an incident on the Russo-Polish frontier provoked by the roving bands of White Russians now said to be mobilised in Poland. Soviet Russia will be left no alternative this time but to declare hostilities. Her action will be followed by a march across Europe of the 60,000 White Russians, who, they claim, are only standing at this moment ready for the word to move from France.

Then France will despatch her officers, her airplanes, and her artillery, Bolshevik enemies in Germany, Britain, and America their money. Roumania will be compelled to move whether she wishes it or not, Turkey...

"I tell you it is as clear to us as the stars in the heavens to-night," said my official, his brow furrowing with a sense of deep earnestness. "We have our confidential reports from Paris and Berlin, and we know exactly what is happening. It will come—as the raid in Arcos came in Britain—as a fait accompli. What precise moment has been chosen by our adversaries we cannot say. But we frankly fear the menaces, and although we try to-day to concentrate our strength on the greatest industrial struggle in which a country has ever been engaged, we are compelled constantly to remain on the alert, always in a state of preparation."

Such, then, is the nightmare with which the whole country is to-day obsessed.

Whether the natural reaction from this national uneasiness is responsible, or whether it is simply the colossal human sacrifice to which this whole nation with its teeming populace of 150,000,000 has been subjected in the execution of Stalin's industrial revolution, the fact emerges that, at this moment at any rate, there is not a more miserably unhappy people in existence.

Visualise the picture of Moscow, as I do, after an absence of three years. Then—at a time when Lenin's New Economic Policy had brought the country to its first real approach to prosperity—conditions as I travelled from city to city were bad enough.

But then there were public shops bountifully laden with all manner of provisions. There were motor-cars and many of them. Women were daring to dress. A spirit of comparative freedom among the workers was beginning to manifest itself after years of a sanguinary Cheka terror. Russia in a word seemed once more to be beginning to breathe.

State Rationing. It is a dully different story to-day.

There are no longer public shops accessible to the man in the street. There are State rationing shops where workers—but only workers—stand in never-ending queues in the cold streets waiting hour after hour for meat that never comes.

It is true that there is bread of a sort, a black and a grey bread, composed of 15 and even perhaps 20 per cent of wheat flour, but all other foodstuffs—eggs, milk, butter, cheese—are available in the most meagre quantities.

Ordinary working clothes may be bought only if you possess a certificate vouching for their urgent need from your factory, while a pair of women's ordinary shoes, if purchasable at all, cost you £18 to £20 in sterling.

Add to the misery of the shortage of food the appalling housing conditions existing in Moscow, and you will gain an even clearer glimpse of the sad plight of the Soviet worker.

For three million people or more are to-day crammed in a city equipped to house not more than a million at the outside. It is a common experience to find sixteen hundred men and women crowded in an apartment of sixty rooms; or eight and ten men and women, too, sardined in a single room normally used for two.

Sixteen square arches, or thirty-eight square feet, is the space that law allows to the worker in which to sleep, and yet to-day, with Moscow overcrowded as it is, it is calculated that the average man enjoys no more than thirteen square feet—the size of a small bed—per head.

Transport is a further problem which adds to the agonies of the workers' labouring day. Never have I witnessed such scenes of wild confusion as there daily, in the early mornings, when these unhappy men and women come pouring forth in their thousands to make their hurried journeys to their workshops and their factories.

It is not uncommon to witness the spectacle of a thousand workmen fighting like tigers for a single tramcar, while the pandemonium in the struggle to catch the earlier trains from the suburbs, women screaming and sometimes fainting, with hats flying in the Winter wind, is something I can scarcely or fully describe.

Imagine, too, a city where there is not an anaesthetic to be had in a State hospital, where if you go to a dentist for a simple dental operation he demands that you find your own gold.

Where, moreover, there is not a sheet of white writing paper to be bought for love or money; where there are not a pair of goggles in mid-Winter because the Government have exported every pair in the Union under their mass export programme; where a second-hand typewriter costs upwards of £50; a suit of men's clothes of the shoddiest material £30, and a pair of silk stockings is unheard of!

Blazing Lights. It is only the most intensive propaganda that saves the people themselves from the depths of an utterable despair. Crimson banners proclaiming the progress of the great industrial revolution span the wide business thoroughfares of the principal cities at every intersection.

Central Moscow at night with its enormous electric signs becomes a city of blazing iridescence. Statistics and percentages scream down at the passing populace, wending its humble way to the theatre or the cinema, in flaming letters of light.

Twenty newspapers in Moscow—and a newspaper at five kopeks is the cheapest commodity in the land—are almost entirely given up to the progress of the Five Year Plan, when they are not devoted to discussing the probabilities of foreign intervention.

Nor is the value of wireless overlooked, for day and night the voice of adled orators, speaking from beyond the red walls of the Kremlin,

door looked puzzled and shook his head. "There's nobody here," he said.

"But isn't this the headquarters of the Queen Marie Society Sweepstake?"

"Don't know anything about it, but all I can tell you is that it isn't coming off."

"Have you any circulars here?" he was asked.

"Circulars?—well, I did have one. I got it from a bookie!"

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on March 1, 1931, is as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	13' 7" B	24' 11" B
Tytam Byewash	24' 1" B	23' 2" B
Tytam Intermediate	34' 10" B	38' 3" B
Tytam Tuk	44' 9" B	32' 1" B
Wong Nei Chung	24' 11" B	24' 6" B
Pokfulum	18' 6" B	21' 0" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"; Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tytam	279.30	205.51
Tytam Byewash	1.03	—
Tytam Intermediate	53.14	49.47
Tytam Tuk	553.15	754.58
Wong Nei Chung	6.02	6.63
Pokfulum	27.24	22.50
Total	921.15	1,038.79

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1930	1931
Consumption	184.19	201.34
Estimated population	440,300	450,620
Consumption per head per day	14.9	15.9

February, 1930.—From February 1 to 28, a 12 hours supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Ridor Main Districts (Principal Mains closed 6 p.m.—6 a.m.).

February, 1931.—From February 1 to 28 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Ridor Main Districts excepting 3 days (15—18th inclusive) when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir	6' 4" B	14' 0" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	10' 1" B	5' 7" B
Reception Reservoir	2' 7" B	11' 8" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	289.78	232.09
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	78.72	94.50
Reception Reservoir	26.40	6.22
Total	394.90	332.72

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1930	1931
Consumption	100.28	117.54
Estimated population	174,100	179,140
Consumption per head per day	20.3	23.4

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" Red	紅瓜	"	6	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	8	—	—
(Shanghai)	上海菜	"	10	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	藤筍	"	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大花菜	each	20	—	—
" (Medium)	中花菜	"	16	—	—
" (Small)	細花菜	"	14	6	6
Carrots	金筍	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	奧菜	"	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣紅	"	16	25	8
" Red	紅辣	"	12	10	10
" Green	青辣	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	英國材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	18	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	"	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	嫩薑	"	6	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	6	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海蔞	"	35	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	"	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	蔞果	"	10	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林蔞	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草蔞	"	—	—	8
Okreros	茄	"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	10	8	8
" Green	青蔥	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	8	6	—
Parley	芥菜	"	10	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	3	—
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	4	8	—
" American	金山薯仔	"	—	3	—
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	鮮大芥	"	15	—	10
Shallots	蔥	"	6	—	8
Spinach	菠菜	"	8	—	—
Tomatoes	茄	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋	"	5	7	—
Turnip, Pund (Long)	長白蘿蔔	"	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	綠瓜	"	—	4	—
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ENERGY AND SYMPATHY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The House of Commons to-day formally recorded its sorrow at the untimely death of the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Vernon Hartshorn. The Prime Minister described him as one of the men of humble origin who in this generation had stepped into high office and had done the work with signal devotion and success.

Mr. S. Baldwin, expressing sympathy on behalf of the Opposition, said that Mr. Hartshorn had set an example of duty plainly and simply done.

Mr. Lloyd-George said that he had known Mr. Hartshorn for 30 years and latterly had frequently conferred with him on unemployment problems, which he approached with broadmindedness and exceptional independence of judgment.

Sir John Simon, with whom Mr. Hartshorn served on the Indian Statutory Commission, said he brought to that task energy and sympathy, and the fact that the Commission produced a unanimous report was largely due to his influence.—British Wireless Service.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

OWNERS OF THE TRICOLOUR

MAKE A STATEMENT.

DESTINED FOR NANKING.

Oslo, Yesterday.

The owners of the Tricolour in an official statement declare that the only arms the vessel carried on her last voyage were destined for the Nanking Government, all the necessary licences having been obtained.—Reuter.

[A message of January 14 stated:—The Norwegian Consulate in Singapore telegraphed to the Ministry of Commerce that Consular enquiry found that a cargo of various chemical products endangered gases which exploded and destroyed the Tricolour. There was no evidence that the Tricolour carried munitions, except a small quantity in the strong room.]

MR. P. SNOWDEN.

BEARS OPERATION VERY WELL.

MAKING PROGRESS.

London, Yesterday.

It is announced that Mr. Philip Snowden was very successfully operated to-day for drainage of the bladder. He bore the operation very well.—Reuter.

WINE RUNNERS.

Fines of \$100 each or two months' imprisonment were imposed in the Kowloon Police Court to-day on Kwok Kam-ming and Chau Ma-yau on a charge of having possession of ten gallons of Chinese wine on which duty had not been paid.

The seizure was made yesterday at the Green Island Cement Works at Hunghom by R. O. Humphries, who stated this morning that both accused were seamen on a Portuguese launch, and on his boarding it they threw the two tins of wine overboard.

LABOUR DEFEAT.

OPPOSITION WIN BY MAJORITY
OF FOUR.

REPRESENTATION BILL.

London, Yesterday.

The Government were defeated in the House of Commons to-day on clause four of the Representation of the People Bill, abolishing University representation, which was rejected. Political consequences are not anticipated.

The voting was as follows:—

For 246
Against 242

Majority 4

Warning to Liberals.

The fact that eleven Liberals (including Sir John Simon) voted against the Government in last night's debate on the Representation of the People Bill has incensed the Labourites, seeing that the Bill was introduced as a direct concession to the Liberals.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's subsequent announcement that the matter would be considered later is regarded as a warning to the Liberals of the Government's power to withdraw the Bill, though this course is at present unlikely.—Reuter.

U.S. MILLIONAIRES.

EIGHT MORE RECORDED THAN
IN 1929

UNAFFECTED BY SLUMP.

Washington, Yesterday.

Five hundred and four persons in the United States have acknowledged that their incomes exceeded \$1,000,000 in 1929, in spite of the stock market crash in that year. According to the income tax returns, this compares with 496 dollar millionaires in 1928.—Reuter's American Service.

CONVENTION FOR ARMS CONTROL.

Better Spirit Among
the Nations.

DRASTIC DISARMAMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, in the House of Commons to-day said that at the session of the Council of the League of Nations last May the British Government proposed convening a Conference of Signatories to the arms' traffic convention to consider the question of bringing it into force as soon as possible. This proposal resulted in several fresh ratifications being deposited, but the Council decided to postpone further consideration of the question until the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference had completed its work. Now that this condition had been fulfilled he proposed to raise the question again at the next meeting of the Council.

Viscount Cecil, speaking in London this afternoon on Disarmament, expressed the opinion that the international weather had very markedly improved and was still improving. Instead of hostility between countries there was a charged feeling and within the skeleton of the document drawn up at the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament he firmly believed that it was possible to carry out international disarmament to a most drastic degree.

They were anxious that the coming Conference should result not merely in the limitation of armaments. If they could only induce nations to agree that the result of their deliberations next year would be to bring down costs of armament by a definite percentage—he hoped by as much as 25 per cent—they should get a really convenient and simple test whether they were progressing towards reduction or only toward limitation.—British Wireless Service.

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